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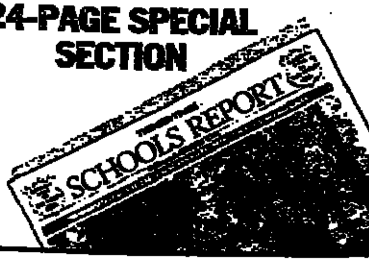

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Fire damage may disrupt tunnel services for months

By Jonathan Prynn, Joanna Bale and Richard Duce

"Dear François, I think it would be much better if you came over to me this Christmas. . . ."

CHANNEL TUNNEL services could be disrupted for months after the train fire on Monday night, which left a scene of devastation in the Folkestone-bound tunnel.

As three inquiries were launched into the incident which led to 19 people being treated in hospital, senior Eurotunnel executives said they hoped that services would back to normal within four weeks. But with at least 600 metres of the tunnel damaged, engineers thought the repairs would take "months rather than weeks".

Six people were detained in hospital overnight after the fire, which destroyed a locomotive and five lorries, most suffering from the effects of inhaling smoke. But al were released yesterday.

The undamaged half of the train was pulled out of the tunnel at Calais yesterday, but the burnt-out section is not expected to be removed from the track until later today.

Yesterday emergency crews spokes of hellish conditions during the evacuation of the 31 passengers and three crew, with chunks of concrete raining down on them from the tunnel roof. The 6in thick reinforced concrete lining was said to be so badly blistered in one place that chalk was showing through. The fire, thought to have reached temperatures of 1000C, also destroyed miles of wiring and cabling, and buckled part of the track.

No trains were running through the tunnel last night because of the high levels of carbo monoxide but Eurotunnel hopes to begin a limited service through the undamaged north tunnel this morning, with about a third of the scheduled timetable operating. This will be increased to a maximum of two-thirds of the normal service over the next week.

Yesterday Le Shuttle passengers were advised to use the ferries, but they suffered further delays of up to an hour because of bad weather.

In the Commons, Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, praised the emergency services and said he would be urging the French authorities to make the findings of their investigations public.

The French safety authorities, the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority and Eurotunnel will conduct separate enquiries. No cause has yet been established for the fire, which was thought to have started in a consignment of scent. Polystyrene packaging is believed to have contributed to the ferocity of the blaze.

The train was pulling 29 open wagons and the 31 lorry drivers and passengers were travelling in a special wagon at the front. The train stopped when the tunnel's sensors detected the fire, but the driver did not decouple the locomotive and "club car" behind it to allow the passengers and crew to escape. Eurotunnel safety sources said yesterday that their investigations would concentrate on why that emergency procedure had not been followed.

Passengers spoke of a stench like "burning chicken" filling the carriage where they were eating a meal of steak and wine when the fire broke out shortly after 9pm. They were told to crouch on on the floor with moistened napkins over their mouths when acrid fumes filled the car. They then had to wait for up to 20 minutes before being taken out of the tunnel.

Recalling the ordeal with a mixture of horror and disbelief, several said they feared that they were going to die. Peter Harris of Swansea said: "I thought 'we'll see if there's someone believing in me upstairs'. I believe in Him now."Other drivers, recuperating in a hotel at Coquelles, praised the staff of the train, although some were sharply critical of the safety measures.

But Alain Bertrand, Eurotunnel's operations director, said: "Existing safety procedures have worked pretty well in the sense that the efforts of all the people that tried to fight this fire have been exceptionally good, leading to the situation where everyone is out of hospital and able to be back home. No transport system in the world is totally safe."

Patrick Ponsolle, the president of Eurotunnel, also insisted that the company's safety standards were the highest possible. Describing the fire as an "unpleasant incident", he said the company's safety procedures had worked well. "We are of course sorry about the incident itself, but I am satisfied that it has demonstrated that the safety procedures in the tunnel are as strong as possible, as efficient as possible. Every endangered life has been preserved thanks to the quality of procedures," he said. He added, however, that the company was not ruling out a revision of its safety rules.

The Consumers' Association said the fire confirmed all their worst fears and claimed that the casualty levels could have been far worse if it had happened in a passenger shuttle. The association called on the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority to publish *full* details of Eurotunnel's application for an operating licence so that passengers could could judge for themselves whether the tunnel was safe.

Safety aspects that will be considered by the inquiries include the open design of the freight shuttle waggons, which has concerned some MPs for years; the ventilation systems which should have prevented passengers being overcome by smoke, and the cargoes which are allowed to be carried through the tunnel.

The inquiries will also consider why British fire crews were not contacted by their French counterparts in Calais until 58 minutes after the start of the fire, which was not put out for 20 hours. Under official tunnel procedures, Both of the special eight-strong French and English fire-fighting crews should have been alerted at once. Investigators may also consider whether a two-hour wild-cat strike among French Eurotunnel staff which ended immediately before the departure of the ill-fated train had any bearing on subsequent events.

The fire could not have come at a worse time for Eurotunnel, which is in the middle of delicately poised negotiations with its banks over its £9 billion debt. "I can't pretend that this is anything but bad news," one senior company source said. Shares in Eurotunnel, which peaked at £8.67 in June 1989 shed 3½p yesterday to close at 88p.

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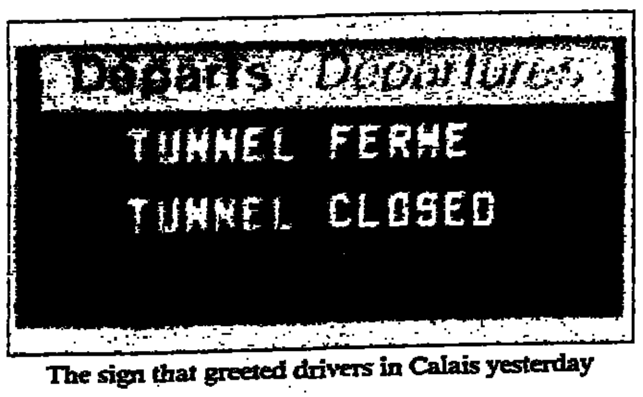

The sign that greeted drivers in Calais yesterday

PETER NICHOLLS

Sonia Matczak back at home: "I really thought we were never going to get out"

Inquiry into Rwanda arms deal to report within weeks

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

MINISTERS last night ordered a full investigation into allegations that a British company sent weapons and ammunition to the former Rwandan Government while its army was involved in genocide.

Senior officials from six government departments have been told to report within a month on disclosures in *The Times* that Mil-Tec Corporation Ltd sent £3 million of arms to the former Rwandan army while it was killing a million Tutsi compatriots.

Ministers are believed to be deeply concerned about the suggestion that a British company was involved in such a deal and they made clear last night that they may introduce laws to stop British companies acting as intermediaries for international arms sales.

At the heart of the inquiry will be the difficulties in taking legal action against British companies used by overseas organisations to pass on arms. The position of offshore companies, such as Mil-Tec which was based in the Isle of Man, will also be examined.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of the Trade, will consider the inquiry report together with a separate investigation launched after Sir Richard Scott's report on arms sales to Iraq. One official said: "We were already looking at the difficult area of arms trafficking in this country and clearly this case has raised concerns that need to be thoroughly investigated. Are we doing enough or do we need to change the law?"

The committee will involve senior officials from the Department of Trade and Industry, Foreign Office, Ministry of Defence, Home Office, Customs and Excise and the Cabinet Office. Customs officials are already investigating the allegations that Mil-Tec sold arms to Rwanda and the Government yesterday called for more information from the public to help that inquiry.

It issued a statement saying: "There is no indication in these allegations that arms were exported from the UK. No licences have been issued to Mil-Tec Corporation Ltd." However, officials conceded that loopholes could allow companies to act as intermediaries in arms deals without being prosecuted.

The allegations come at a sensitive time for Michael Portillo and Malcolm Rifkind, who are facing opposition from Conservative MPs to plans to send thousands of troops to Zaire. The two ministers will be questioned about the mission tomorrow when they meet the Tory backbench defence and foreign affairs committees, and MPs will want assurances that British troops will not face a long and dangerous posting and that the enterprise will not overstretch the armed forces.

Although many MPs initially backed the Government's decision to offer troops to aid the humanitarian effort in central Africa, there is growing backbench scepticism about potential difficulties. The former Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd is among those who have voiced fears, warning ministers that "the unpredictable is certain to happen".

Michael Colvin, chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, supported the principle of sending troops, but said that the deployment should be limited to four months.

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Praise for the steward hero

From Ben Macintyre in Lille

Grard: kept up permanent reassuring commentary

A PREGNANT woman injured in the Channel Tunnel tunnel fire was under observation in hospital in Lille last night along with a steward she said saved the lives of the passengers.

Sonia Matczak, 25, who is eight months pregnant, said : "The train stopped and I smelled burning plastic. Then I saw grey smoke curling up from under the doors and I knew there was a serious problem. I was not afraid at first, but when I realised we were trapped, I began to get very frightened. I really thought we were never going to get out of there.

"It was really strong, very acrid and we knew something terrible had gone wrong," Christian Proyart, 32, Mme Matczak's partner, said. "We had already heard the alarms but didn't think anything of it."

As the smoke thickened Emile Grard, 43, *chef de train*, distributed dampened napkins which coughing lorry drivers clamped to their mouths and kept up a permanent reassuring commentary in French.

"Emile was the real hero, he saved us all," Mme Matczak said from her hospital bed.

"He was on the intercom to the driver the whole time, so he never covered his mouth. That's why he inhaled so much smoke," Peter Harris, 50, from Swansea, said. "If I could award a medal it would go to him."

"Normal procedure would be to keep on going to reach the other side as fast as

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Island anger over women's Nazi betrayal

Newly released papers about the German occupation of the Channel Islands show that people on Jersey and Guernsey were outraged by the extent to which local women cohabited with German soldiers. Intelligence reports supplied by islanders who had escaped, or who were rescued by Allied troops while on their way to prisons in Germany, describe the women as "Jerrybags" or "troop carriers"——Page 10

Snow brings chaos to Britain

By Bill Frost

ICY WINDS with the possibility of sleet and torrential rain are forecast for much of the country today as winter comes early to Britain. Temperatures should be generally higher than yesterday, but motorists are advised to use extreme caution.

Yesterday's cold snap left two people dead and tens of thousands of homes without power after heavy snow falls brought down power lines.

Drifts 8ft deep were reported in the worst-hit areas yesterday and, apart from the M62 motorway, all roads across the Pennines were closed.

Scores of minor accidents were reported and many drivers abandoned their vehicles as breakdown services were inundated with calls.

Another casualty of the weather was Harold "Dickie" Bird, the retired international cricket umpire, who yesterday was unable to collect his first honorary doctorate. He planned an early start to a trip from Barnsley, Yorkshire, to Sheffield Hallam University, but was forced to wait for a taxi when heavy snow blocked his car in the garage. He said he was "devastated" at having to turn back after battling for two hours to travel just five of the 17 miles.

"I am so disappointed. When I got back I just slumped in my chair and cried," he said.

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Inspectors back 'failed' GCSE school

The bottom school in today's national examination league tables has been praised by inspectors, who said that standards were rising even though no pupil has ever gained five high-grade GCSEs. Parkside School in Plymouth is the only comprehensive school in England with a zero score this year, but was found to "provide an education of good quality"......................Page 7
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'I thought I would never get out of there alive'

FROM JOANNA BALE IN CALAIS
AND BEN MACINTYRE IN LILLE

VICTIMS

A RELIEVED British lorry driver said last night that he thought he was going to die in the Channel Tunnel fire. John Harvey, of Swadlingcote, Derbyshire, said: "I now know what it is like to come face to face with death."

He added: "I knew there wasn't much time left and remember thinking about my wife and children, but most of all my five-year-old granddaughter, Jade. I just thought I will never see Jade again and never see her grow up.

"Her face stayed in my mind and I thought it would be the last thing I would see. I can't wait to see her now and give her a big hug. I'm just so grateful to be alive." Mr Harvey was one of 31 lorry drivers and their passengers who were travelling from Calais to Folkestone on a freight shuttle. All the drivers and their passengers were in the front restaurant carriage when the train stopped.

Emile Gerard, 43, the *chef de train*, opened the internal door, puzzled about the cause of the fire, and acrid black smoke poured in. "I shut the door again and told everyone not to panic. I must admit there was a lot of fear," he said.

The drivers were told to lie on the floor and put wet napkins over their faces. They lay there for 14 minutes. "I was a minute from choking to death," Mr Harvey said. "It is as simple as that. I can talk about it now but back in the tunnel I was just resigned to dying. I could not see any way I was going to get out alive.

"I tried to splash water over my face in the toilets to stay conscious before we were evacuated. The smoke was thick and the fumes just seemed to squeeze my chest, making breathing impossible.

"We were all slowly dying and if the decision had not been taken to get us out of the carriage there would be a lot of dead bodies in the tunnel now. It is the most terrifying experience of my life and how I survived I will never know."

The drivers said they had kicked and punched companions who showed signs of being overcome by the fumes. "When it looked like they were losing consciousness you really had to use force to wake them up. It wasn't just the smoke, but this burning plastic smell," Brian Williams, 49, from Ashford, Kent, said. "We are all used to working on our own but if everyone hadn't helped everyone else in there we'd all be dead now."

Jeff Waghorn, 32, from Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, added: "We were getting light-headed. Another five minutes, and I think there would have been a proper disaster. It felt like a lifetime when you're lying there looking at your life and wondering whether you're going to get out alive."

Some of the drivers detached an emergency pickaxe and wanted to break open a window but were prevented by the cabin staff. "They said it would be even worse, but by the end no one had the strength to lift an axe," Mr Williams said.

Others pointed out that the emergency exit to the service tunnel was just feet from the train door. "We could have got across in ten seconds, or less, holding our breath. The smoke we inhaled was already in the cabin," Mick Terry, 53, from South Ockenden, Essex, said. Ian Edwards, 53, condemned safety standards on the train and said he would have to be convinced that they had been improved before he would use the tunnel again. He criticised the lack of oxygen equipment and sprinkler systems, although he said that the train staff had done a good job.

Mr Edwards's fellow driver, Brian Shilton, 46, also from Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, shared his criticism of the lack of oxygen and sprinklers. Mr Shilton said the smoke in the compartment was so thick that it was impossible to see more than 6ft. "It was like being in a tomb," he said. "We were really frightened, that was the very closest I've ever come to death. I thought my time was up."

He joined the other drivers in praising the steward and stewardess. "The poor bloke who was the chef of the train was trying to talk through his two-way system all the time. He was breathing in more poisonous fumes than the rest of us because he was talking all the time. He was in a real bad way. He had to be blanket-wrapped in the tunnel when he came out."

He said they had been given X-rays, blood and heart tests before being allowed back to the hotel. Mr Shilton said he had been using the tunnel four times a week since it opened two years ago but was not sure whether he would trust himself to it again. "Last night I said 'No'," he said.

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Fire teams faced intense heat and debris in darkness

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE RESCUE

THE apparent delay of almost an hour in summoning help from Kent Fire Brigade will be one of the aspects studied by the Channel Tunnel fire investigation.

After the blaze was discovered at 9.04pm on Monday, firemen based at the English and French terminals were dispatched to investigate, but it was not until 10.02 that Eurotunnel, the operators, alerted Kent fire brigade at its headquarters in Maidstone, 30 miles from Folkestone.

Peter Coombes, deputy chief officer of Kent fire brigade, said yesterday: "There is no reason to suggest the French were in anyway wrong in the way they responded to the incident, but we would expect to be called as soon as possible."

Speaking soon after the fire was officially said to be extinguished at 10.30am yesterday, Mr Coombes said of the delay: "I don't see it as a fly in the ointment. When we are called is the responsibility of others. Clearly there is a question mark."

A binational safety agreement stipulates that emergency services on both sides of the tunnel should be alerted immediately. Mr Coombes explained yesterday that Eurotunnel retained eight Kent officers on contract at its Folkestone terminal and they were sent to the scene some 13 kilometres into the tunnel on the French side.

They were the so-called first line of response and would have taken about half an hour to travel the 31 kilometres from the English terminal. After their arrival, it was then some 25 minutes before the second line of response was mobilised by Eurotunnel's emergency call. About 100 firefighters were then drafted in from stations at Hythe, Folkestone, Dover and Ashford. They would have reached the fire at about 11pm to assist their French colleagues. They travelled to the scene through the service tunnel on special vehicles provided by Eurotunnel.

Bill Welch, the divisional commander in charge of the English operation underground, yesterday described the conditions that confronted his men. "I have never seen anything like it. The heat was intense and all the lights had gone out. There was fallen debris everywhere. The conditions were frankly appalling. The track and cables had melted in the intense heat."

The blaze was so fierce that firemen could tolerate only ten minutes tackling the fire before they were replaced. They did not know if any of the lorries on the train were carrying hazardous goods. An emergency ventilation system was switched on inside the tunnel to try to disperse the dense smoke.

The fire, believed to have broken out to the rear of the train, was finally brought under control at 6am yesterday. Damping down continued throughout the morning.

The French driver of the train which left Calais at 8.45pm on Monday was alerted to the danger when an alarm went off in his cab. After radioing his control room he took the decision to evacuate the train of all 31 passengers and crew. All were exposed to smoke as they ran to the safety of the service tunnel which runs between the north and southbound tunnels.

Eurotunnel then stopped a train bound for France and it picked up the passengers who did not require immediate medical attention. All the passengers and crew had been taken out of the tunnel and back into France by about 10pm.

The last emergency practice was ten days ago when firefighters rehearsed the possibility of a terrorist attack on the tunnel. The Safety Authority was yesterday afternoon scheduled to visit the scene of the fire which caused damage to a 600-metre stretch of the tunnel.

Mr Coombes said: "I was particularly proud of our firefighters. It was quite eerie that we clicked into a mode that we have rehearsed so many times."

Bill Dix, managing director of Le Shuttle, would not be drawn yesterday on whether there was concern in the apparent delay in contacting Kent fire brigade. "Our own internal investigation is under way," he said.

Channel Tunnel safety is overseen by the Anglo-French Channel Tunnel Safety Authority, which was set up in 1987. It has 12 members, drawn from engineering and safety bodies in the two countries. The head of the British delegation is Edward Ryder, a former chief inspector of Nuclear Installations.

French firemen travelled in this type of vehicle

John Harvey, a lorry driver, was "so grateful to be alive" yesterday as he recovered in a Calais hospital

Five deadly hazards of inhalation

MEDICAL BRIEFING

DEATH and injury in fires is more often the result of inhaling the noxious, hot atmosphere that burns and scalds the lungs and poisons the system than from damage to the tissues by flames. Sixty-five per cent of fire deaths result from the inhalation of smoke and fumes: in the case of house fires 85 per cent of the fatalities, and a similar proportion of injuries, stem from smoke inhalation. All the casualites of the Channel Tunnel fire are victims of smoke inhalation.

All materials when burnt give off carbon monoxide, the poisonous gas that is responsible for deaths in the home when inefficient heating devices are used. The materials also give rise to various irritant and toxic chemicals, but the composition of the cocktail of injurious gases depends not only on the material but also on the temperature of the fire. This in turn is the consequence of the amount of oxygen available. If the oxygen is in short supply, as could happen in a tunnel, the gases given off are likely to be more deadly, as they may be the result of incomplete combustion.

Peter Fardell, of the Fire Research Station at Watford, said there were five hazards in the atmosphere during a fire. The first danger is that the flames may have released narcotic gases. As well as carbon monoxide, these gases often include hydrogen cyanide released when substances such as wool or nylon are burnt.

Smoke is an irritant, affecting not only the eyes and skin, but the whole length of the respiratory tract from the trachea to the smallest alveoli in the lungs. The sufferer has a sore throat, croaky voice and, much more worryingly, pneumonitis — inflammation and swelling of the lung tissue.

As well as these irritants, organic chemicals discharged into the atmosphere can irritate the lungs. Aldehydes are given off by fuels, and styrene by polystyrene. Polystyrene, if burnt slowly because of fire retardants or lack of oxygen, releases the deadly styrene.

When PCC burns it releases hydrogen chloride, which can form hydrochloric acid: if this is inhaled it can dissolve the lungs. Smoke contains particulate matter, small particles of solid and liquid material that are deposited in the lungs and continue to cause trouble for weeks or months.

Finally, the heat of the fire damages the lungs. Surprisingly, very dry heat is less damaging than a moist heat. When there is a fire there is inevitably water, so that the atmosphere becomes saturated with very hot water, which can scald the lungs rather than burn them.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Steward praised for cool rescue

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possible, but when that would risk human life the train must be stopped," M Grard explained.

With the train stationary, M Grard opened the interior door leading to the lorry compartments, where the fire was raging. A billowing cloud of black smoke poured into the cabin and the steward immediately slammed the door and instructed the passengers to lie on the floor. "It was 14 minutes — one of the boys was counting," Peter Harris, 50, from Swansea, said.

"I decided we had to evacuate the train," M Grard said. "The idea was to find a way into the service tunnel by following the luminous arrows which are marked along the whole length of the tunnel.

"But at first the smoke was too dense and it was too dark to see anything. It was pitch black down there and we were about 12 miles from the French tunnel exit. The smoke was toxic and I told everyone to get paper serviettes and soak them in water and hold them over their faces."

Still clutching a grimy tissue that he had clamped over his mouth he said when he was released from hospital that as the minutes dragged on he believed he would die. "I could hardly swallow. It will always come back to me"

M Grard was eventually able to make out the luminous signs and, shouting encouragement the whole way, he led the passengers and the train crew to the service tunnel.

"It really only took about two minutes to get into the service tunnel. There are access points all along the way and we found that we were very close to one," he said.

Mme Matczak from Haillicourt, southeast of Calais, and M Grard were taken to hospital by helicopter.

Doctors admitted her to the intensive care unit because of the advanced stage of her pregnancy but she was later given a clean bill of health by medical staff after receiving blood tests and x-rays.

With his wife Bultez by his side — she is expecting a baby on December 18 — M Grard said: "We have carried out exercises plenty of times for just this sort of thing and it worked very well.

"In fact, when it all started some of the passengers thought it was just a drill. Unfortunately, I had to confirm for them that it wasn't."

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Damage is likely to disrupt journeys for several weeks

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

DELAYS

TRAVEL through the Channel Tunnel was due to resume today but the service will be severely limited and disruption is expected for weeks as the damage is repaired.

Eurostar, which takes passengers only, and Le Shuttle, which carries vehicles, were expected to run less than half their normal timetables. Eurostar said it believed it would be able to cope with all passengers who already had tickets, but would not be taking new bookings until Friday at least. Le Shuttle will not accept new customers until Monday. Both were offering to reschedule journeys or provide refunds.

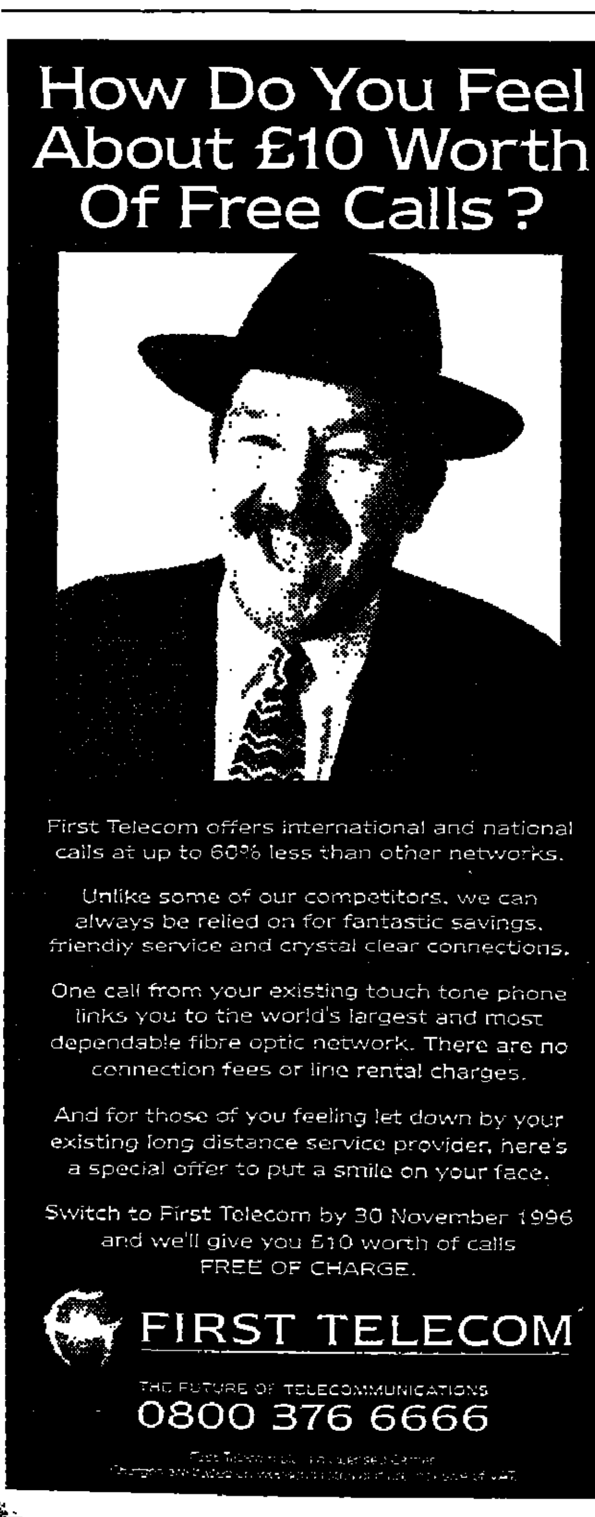
Long delays yesterday angered Eurostar travellers who had been waiting at Waterloo International Terminal for up to four hours. Richard Pinney, from Newbury, Berkshire, who was planning a two-day holiday in Paris, said: "This is chaos. The Eurostar people here don't know what is going on. Why didn't they make alternative arrangements earlier, instead of leaving us waiting around until now?"

Many French and Belgian travellers said they had no hotels to go to and no money to buy food. Dirk Verstock, from Brussels, said he had heard planes to Brussels and Paris would be laid on. "But I'm waiting for that to be confirmed. It seems like Eurostar were waiting until we got fed up and went away, so they did not have to pay for flights."

Passengers queuing to catch a special train to Gatwick from where flights would leave said they wished there had been better communication from Eurostar. Paul Clark, a lecturer from the University of Leeds who was travelling to Paris for a conference, said he was still not confident of getting there last night.

Eurostar, which laid on three charter flights to Paris and two to Brussels, advised customers with tickets to travel only if absolutely necessary. It said last night that everyone who had wanted to travel had been able to do so. Some passengers were taken by Eurostar to Ashford in Kent, then by coach to Dover and ferry to Calais and train to Paris or Brussels.

But travellers hoping to switch from the tunnel to ferries suffered further problems when foul weather yesterday disrupted crossings from Dover. P&O said there were delays of an hour and many passengers from Eurostar who had not booked had to wait for later sailings, along with cars and lorries diverted from the tunnel. Traffic queued for up to five miles out of Dover.



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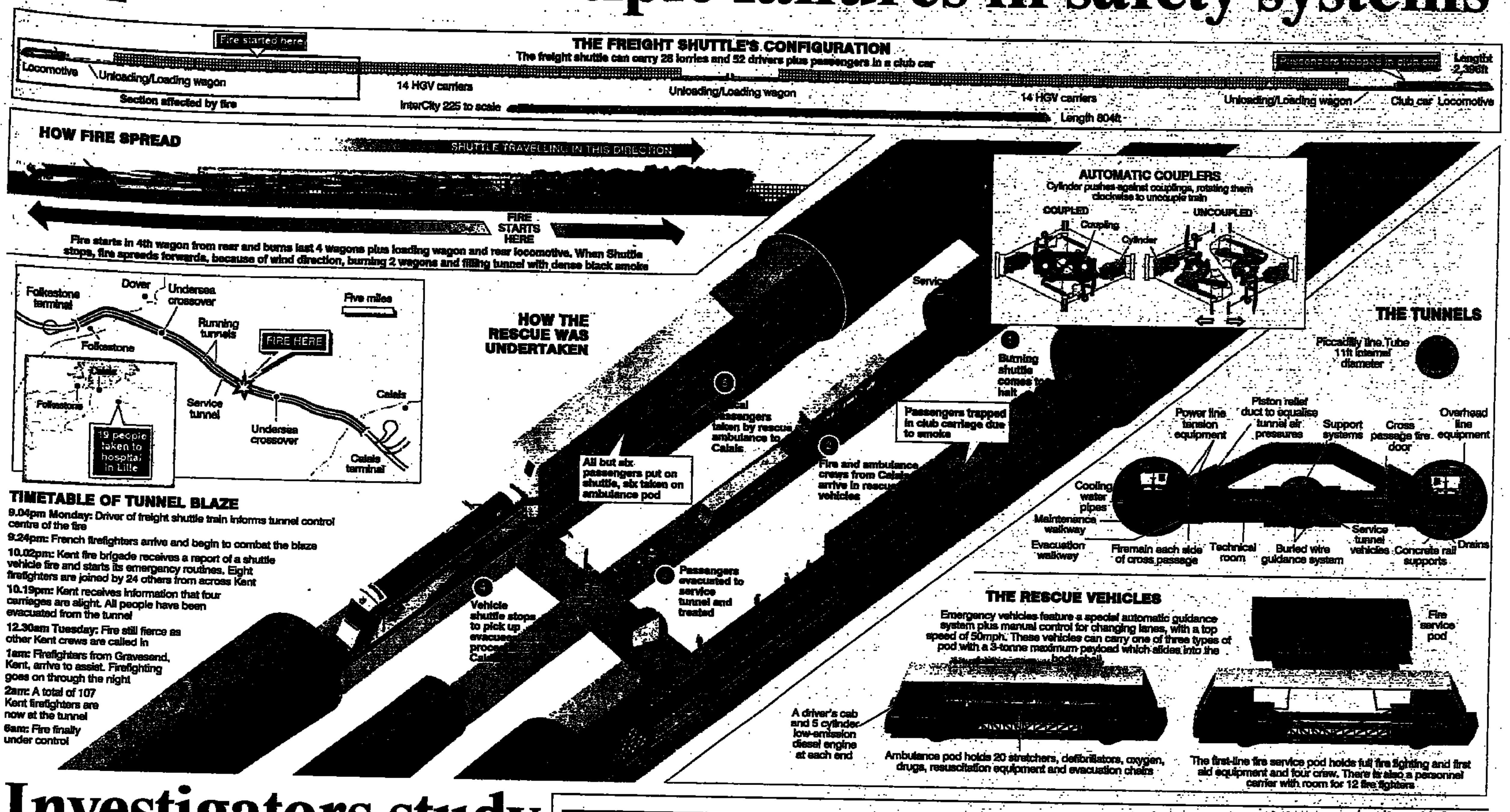
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Locomotive
Unloading/Loading wagon
Section affected by fire
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Unloading/Loading wagon
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Locomotive
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Undersea crossover
Five miles
Running tunnels
FIRE HERE
Folkestone
Calais
Folkestone
19 people taken to hospital in Lille
Service tunnel
Undersea crossover
Calais
Calais terminal
HOW THE RESCUE WAS UNDERTAKEN
Service
Burning shuttle comes to halt
Passengers trapped in club carriage due to smoke
Fire and ambulance crews from Calais arrive in rescue vehicles
All but six passengers put on shuttle, six taken on ambulance pod
Passengers taken by rescue ambulance to Calais
Passengers evacuated to service tunnel and treated
Vehicle shuttle stops to pick up evacuees
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9.04pm Monday: Driver of freight shuttle train informs tunnel control centre of the fire

9.24pm: French firefighters arrive and begin to combat the blaze

10.02pm: Kent fire brigade receives a report of a shuttle vehicle fire and starts its emergency routines. Eight firefighters are joined by 24 others from across Kent

10.19pm: Kent receives information that four carriages are alight. All people have been evacuated from the tunnel

12.30am Tuesday: Fire still fierce as other Kent crews are called in

1am: Firefighters from Gravesend, Kent, arrive to assist. Firefighting goes on through the night

2am: A total of 107 Kent firefighters are now at the tunnel

6am: Fire finally under control

Investigators study three black boxes for accident clues

By Jonathan Prynn and Joanna Bale

INQUIRY

FRENCH accident investigators were last night studying data from three "black box" computers recovered from the Channel Tunnel freight train engulfed by flames on Monday night.

The boxes, taken from the undamaged front locomotive, should explain why the blazing train stopped in the tunnel and why advanced safety systems designed to protect passengers from smoke and toxic fumes failed to work.

The black boxes record all conversations between the driver and the control rooms at Calais and Folkestone, signal authorisations through the tunnel and fault indicators from instruments such as fire detectors. Boxes from the rear fire-damaged locomotive have not been recovered and may be too badly burnt to yield much information.

Investigations yesterday centred on the reasons why the decoupling mechanism failed to allow passengers and crew in the front locomotive and carriage to drive away, leaving the blazing carriages behind. There was also concern that tunnel ventilation systems failed to create a pocket of clean air around the stranded locomotive and lorry driver compartment, leaving those on board gasping in choking fumes.

Safety experts said there had been "multiple failures" in the systems Eurotunnel had put in place to persuade the Anglo-French Channel Tunnel Safety Authority to grant the company a licence.

The Channel freight trains are designed to allow a swift getaway from the scene of a fire by the front locomotive and "club car" — the carriage where lorry drivers spend the half-hour crossing — immediately behind it. In the event of a fire on a freight wagon, the driver is supposed to press a button in the cab activating a hydraulically powered decoupler. This allows the locomotive and club car to drive away from the blaze in an "escape capsule", leaving behind the burning freight wagons, which have no fire extinguishers on board.

Georges Shazos, group managing director for Eurotunnel, said a power failure caused by the fire stopped the decoupling system from working. "We lost power. Our inquiry will give us the exact details as to why this happened."

One theory is that the rear locomotive was so badly damaged that there was not enough power available to activate the decoupler. Alternatively, the decoupling may have taken place but damage to the overhead power lines meant the front locomotive could not be driven forward.

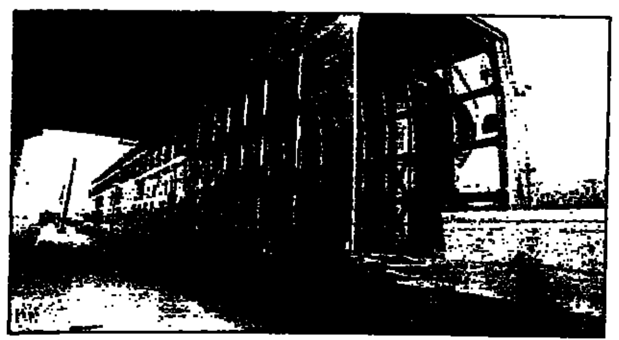
However, even with the train stranded in the tunnel, those on board should have been protected from the smoke by the computer-operated ventilation system. This is triggered by sensors placed every 100 metres along the wall of the tunnel that continuously analyses the air for signs of smoke.

The system overrides the normal circulation of air — in the same direction of travel as the train — and pumps fresh air into the section of the tunnel nearest the passengers from the service tunnel. At the same time, giant fans are supposed to blow the smoke away.

Anne Leva, a Eurotunnel spokeswoman, insisted that the system had worked but said the doors to the club car had been opened by a steward before it had a chance to disperse the smoke. "Had the steward waited a few seconds more, more smoke would have cleared," she said.

The shortfalls have raised fresh concerns about the safety of the half-mile lattice-sided freight trains. They have been criticised by safety groups for not offering enough protection against the spread of fire. The wagons have girders on each side to keep the weight down and do not have internal doors, allowing fires to spread rapidly. Enclosed wagons, which are used for passenger services, would have been too heavy for the trains' axles to bear when loaded with fully laden lorries.

Bill Dix, the commercial director of Eurotunnel, said that the company would have no choice but to replace the freight trains if their design proved to be a factor in the rapid spread of the fire. In 1992 Eurotunnel fought a long battle with the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority before being allowed to use the Canadian-built trains. Fires in tunnels are difficult to put out because the enclosed space means that heat cannot be dissipated and temperatures often exceed 1,000C.


A lattice-sided Channel Tunnel freight train

Eurotunnel will review risks

By Nick Nuttall

DANGER LOADS

RICHARD MORRIS, the former safety chief at Eurotunnel and now a director, said that the company would review the list of hazardous substances and materials allowed in the Channel Tunnel.

Nearly 1,000 hazardous substances are already banned or restricted. There was speculation yesterday that a cargo of polystyrene combusted spontaneously, triggering the blaze.

Mr Morris said that if this proved to be the culprit, the company might review carrying it as a cargo. He rejected suggestions that commerce was being put before safety.

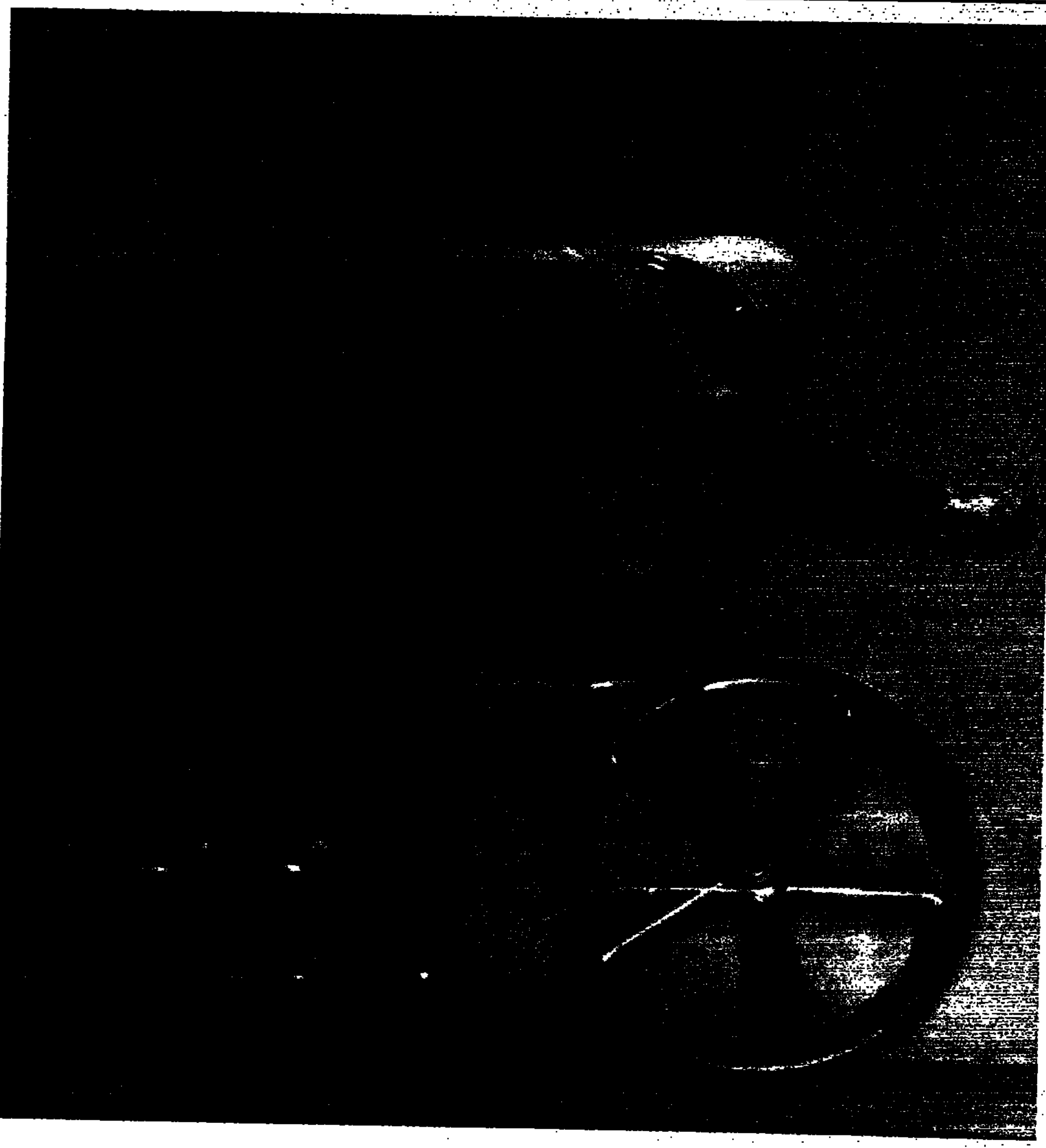
Nuclear waste and highly flammable substances are banned from the tunnel. Whisky, paint and some other hazardous and flammable materials are carried in restricted quantities.

David Mathews, national health and safety officer of the Fire Brigade Union, said an urgent review of the kinds of hazardous substances carried would be welcome. A whole range of them were allowed through the tunnel, he said.

A review of the wagons that carry freight was also needed, he said. The existing wagons, which have lattice-like walls and roofs rather than being solid, made it difficult to control a blaze and to stop it spreading to other wagons.

Eurotunnel has drafted a manual for hauliers that spells out which hazardous substances are welcome, restricted or banned. Goods vehicles face spot checks to see if they are carrying undeclared hazardous loads.

The Freight Transport Association said last night that the rules had been drawn up in consultation with its members. "I believe we have the right balance."



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Melly wins fire fight for bedsit artist

Landlord to pay for burnt works

By Paul Wilkinson

A STRUGGLING artist who could not pay the rent on his bedsit lost six years' work when his landlord made a bonfire of his paintings. Yesterday, however, after the jazz singer and art critic George Melly compared Craig Richards's work to that of Picasso, a judge ordered the landlord to pay him more than £22,000 in compensation.

Leeds County Court had been told that Mr Richards, 33, had given up college at 19 to devote his life to surrealist art. He formed a movement with another artist called the Non-Euclideans.

Mr Melly, who had travelled more than 300 miles to speak for Mr Richards, told the court: "I am very impressed with his work. I realise he is not yet selling much but van Gogh only sold one of his paintings in his lifetime and I don't see Craig cutting off his ear just yet.

"If Picasso's landlord had come in and decided to burn his studio, millions of pounds' worth of art would have been lost. I am not making silly parallels. Craig in my opinion is that good." Mr Melly, who wore a bright purple suit for the occasion, said: "What his landlord did was an act of mindless vandalism and I find it sickening."

Judge Bellamy had been told that Mr Richards was on the point of a nervous breakdown after his landlord, Mohammed Razaq, the owner of the property where he lived in Leeds, had burnt his paintings. Mr Richards, who now lives in Robin Hood's Bay, north Yorkshire, and was suing Mr Razaq for damages, said: "I've sold about 300 paintings in my 14-year career. The loss of my work has put me back five years. No one has the right to destroy my work."

He had worked in his bedsit, producing countless works and a book of poetry, most of which he had left behind when he went on tour in Europe with a pop group. He had left a note for Mr Razaq saying that he would settle the rent on his return. But when he came back he found the locks changed and his belongings gone.

Judge Bellamy said: "He has essentially had the stuffing knocked out of him. He did have an emotional illness. This affected his ability to work. On the basis of this I award £2,000. The sketchbooks were an essential part of Mr Richards's work and it seems straightforward to allow £10 per hour for the 1,423 hours he put into the sketchbooks. I am also allowing £150 for the 21 nights that Mr Richards was locked out of his flat.

Craig Richards and George Melly, who described the destruction of the artist's work as vandalism

"I have examined the evidence from Mr Melly. Whatever a layman's view would be, he is a man of wide experience in this area. He prepared a written report, which gives me no reason to change my opinion. Mr Richards's work is forceful and eloquent. Picasso's work would have had little value in 1900.

"He conceded the work of the Non-Euclideans is not yet sought after, but he regarded the act of getting rid of the paintings as sickening. Mr Melly said in his report that 90 per cent of modern work did not affect him, but 10 per cent still excited him. Mr Richards was in this 10 per cent.

"I am satisfied on the basis of Mr Melly's evidence that Mr Richards's work will sell in the future. I therefore grant monetary compensation in this matter, the total judgment being £22,380." The award included £3,000 for aggravated and exemplary damages.

Gerry Heap, for Mr Razaq, had argued that it was impossible to put a price on the paintings. He said: "Why £10 per hour? Because George Melly says so?" He said it was unlikely many of the paintings would have sold. "On his own evidence he has sold very few. With the exception of Bury Art Gallery, who made him Painter of the Year 1995, and a long-distance bike rider who bought two of his paintings, he has not had much success."

Widow 'saw her stolen candelabra' in catalogue

By Tim Jones

THE elderly widow of a French viscount told the High Court yesterday that a pair of rare candelabra that were to have been sold at Sotheby's had been stolen from her château ten years ago.

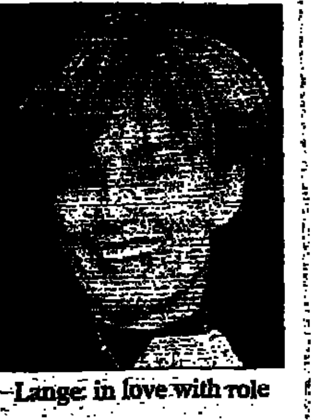
Nicole De Preval, 80, is suing Adrian Alan, a London dealer, for the return of the candelabra, which she says have been in her family for 150 years. She says she recognised the pair, valued at £60,000, in a Sotheby's catalogue two years ago.

Mr Alan, who has a gallery in central London, claims he bought them legitimately in 1984 from a gallery in New York, paying £5,000. He contends that Mme De Preval is mistaken in her identification and refuses to hand them back to her.

Michael Gettleson, for Mme De Preval, said the marble and gilt bronzed set, which was "exceptional with a number of idiosyncratic features", was made by the sculptor Antoine-Louis Barye as a gift to her great-great-grandfather, a successful industrialist, for rescuing him from penury.

Mr Gettleson said Mr Alan's story was hard to believe, as the candelabras were unique. "It would be in the highest degree surprising if other candelabra of a similar type were made." He added that she could produce bills dating back to 1855 to prove ownership.

The case continues.



Lange: in love with role

Hollywood star fulfils her desire

AN OSCAR-WINNING actress has been lured to the London stage after she fell in love with a character "who enters in the throes of a nervous breakdown and goes downhill from there".

Jessica Lange, who won Oscars for her roles in *Blue Sky* and *Tootsie*, and who has had six Academy Award nominations, started rehearsals this week for the part of Blanche Du Bois in Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. "I have never played a part that I liked more than this," she said. "I have never fallen in love with a character more than I did with Blanche."

Lange will make her West End debut in the role she played on Broadway, alongside Imogen Stubbs and Toby Stephens. Sir Peter Hall, who is directing the production, said: "It's a play I've always wanted to do. I think it's one of the masterpieces of the 20th century."

The London production opens on December 30 at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket.

Killer stabbed student 'to appease jealous boyfriend'

By Michael Horsnell

THE killer of Rachael Lean wept as she told a jury yesterday how she stabbed the 18-year-old student to death on a woodland path. Maria Hnatiuk, 29, said the attack happened after her boyfriend said that Miss Lean "had to die".

She said that Ian Wells was jealous of her relationship with Miss Lean and said that if she "wanted any life at all, Rachael would have to be dead".

Miss Lean's estranged parents, Peter and Vanessa, listened in the public gallery as Hnatiuk told the jury at Norwich Crown Court that there was no forethought to her attack. Hnatiuk, who admits manslaughter but denies murder, said: "I pulled out the knife and started stabbing her in the back and she turned around and called out my name. I just carried on stabbing her." A few days before the attack, which was carried out near the perimeter fence at RAF Coltishall in Norfolk on September 5 last year, the two women had gone to a nightclub in Norwich. Hnatiuk said Mr Wells, 32, then began complaining about her relationship with Miss Lean.

Hnatiuk said she telephoned Miss Lean and arranged to meet her at the RAF base. Hnatiuk caught a bus there and she and Miss Lean, of Buxton, Norfolk, chatted briefly outside the Naafi building before walking off together. "She was saying about her father being in Bosnia and that she was worried about him. She didn't know what was happening with the relationship between her father and her mother, whether they were going to get back together or not."

The pair walked down a country lane and then turned to walk back. Hnatiuk said: "It kept going around in my mind about what Ian had been saying to me about she has to be dead and if she is not dead you can't carry on and you are going to have nothing." Hnatiuk said she dragged Miss Lean's body behind a tree after the attack and covered her with undergrowth. She said Miss Lean's leggings had come down while she dragged the body along the ground. The trial continues.

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Inspectors praise school at bottom of GCSE league

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

Tony Darby, head of Banovallum School, whose GCSE scores improved most

THE bottom school in today's national examination league tables was praised by inspectors, who said that standards were rising even though no pupil has ever gained five high-grade GCSEs.

Parkside School in Plymouth opened in 1993 after the merger of two schools that between them did not have a single pupil who had passed five good GCSEs. Since then it has failed to register on the five-pass scale and is the only comprehensive school in England with a zero score this year.

Yet, while more than 200 schools have failed inspections by the Office for Standards in Education, Parkside was found to "provide an education of good quality". When inspectors visited the school a year after it opened, they judged more than 80 per cent of lessons to be satisfactory.

The official report of the inspection recorded that teaching was "generally good and in some cases very good". However, the inspectors noted: "The work of even the ablest and most enthusiastic pupils is frequently marred by the persistence of elementary errors of grammar, spelling and punctuation and careless presentation."

Ofsted said yesterday that there were no plans for a full reinspection, although inspectors have been back to check on the school's progress. Parkside's examination and truancy records had ensured that it joined the 8 per cent of schools classified as having "serious weaknesses".

Simon Jenkin, Devon's chief education officer, said yesterday that the inspectors' findings showed that Parkside was not failing: "It is an improving school in which I have every confidence."

David Jamieson, the Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport and a former head teacher in the city, also came to Parkside's defence. He said that none of his constituents had ever complained about the school.

However, none of this year's 35 GCSE candidates passed five GCSEs at grade C or above. Ten left without any qualifications.

Almost two thirds of schools in today's tables improved their scores. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said that the publication of results was driving up standards. "This morning, thousands of teachers will be taking quiet satisfaction from the fact that their schools can be seen to have improved. Others, I hope, will be reflecting on the fact that they have not done so well — and will be planning to put things right," she said.

Nationally, 44.5 per cent of 16-year-olds passed five high-grade GCSEs, a rise of one percentage point on last year. With the average A-level score also rising, pass rates increased for the fifth year in succession.

Almost 100 schools saw all their candidates pass the equivalent of five O levels. Three schools tied for the best A-level score: St Swithun's School in Winchester; King Edward VI High School for Girls; and King Edward's School, both in Birmingham.

The tables show spectacular improvements at some schools. The biggest leap in GCSE scores came at Banovallum School in Horncastle, Lincolnshire, which takes those who fail to win a place at the neighbouring Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. This year 39 per cent of its GCSE candidates secured five good passes, compared with 11 per cent in 1995.

Peter Kilfoyle, Labour's education spokesman, said: "Today's league tables do show some improvement, and I congratulate the schools, teachers and local education authorities that have contributed to that improvement. However, we are still well behind where we should be to meet our own targets, let alone match the standards achieved by our international competitors."

☐ A 24-page Schools Report supplement to today's edition of *The Times* gives the GCSE and A-level results of more than 5,000 schools and colleges in England and Wales.

Selection deal to settle Boat Race troubled waters

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

OXFORD and Cambridge universities are poised to end 168 years of a gentleman's agreement by accepting a formal accord on eligibility for the Boat Race.

The recruitment of outstanding oarsmen, which triggered the 1987 Oxford mutiny featured in the film *True Blue*, has become increasingly contentious since Cambridge, winner of the past four races, introduced rowing bursaries in 1994.

Negotiations between the two universities started after Dan Topolski, Oxford's director of coaching, described these payments last April as "an irritant because it's taking the Boat Race perhaps in a direction it shouldn't go".

Steve Royle, Oxford's director of rowing, said yesterday: "The negotiations are going well. Both sides have decided it needs to be resolved. We are hoping to achieve a level playing field. We are laying down an agreement that both clubs will honour.

"In the past it has been a gentleman's agreement. This is not suggesting that we are no longer gentlemen but we have to be a little bit more professional because we have sponsors and a massive audience now." The 1996 race attracted 6.5 million television viewers in Britain, the same as most Five Nations Rugby Union internationals. It was also screened in 160 other countries.

Only one Cambridge oarsman, Ethan Ayer, the American club president and at 6ft 8¾ins the tallest man to row in the race, has a bursary this year. Up to £6,000, raised by old Blues, can be available annually for an applicant, although the university has always pointed out that normal academic standards have to be met. The Oxford boat club does not offer bursaries.

The eligibility rules will also cover students doing short-term courses. Both universities are offering an increasing number of one-year postgraduate diplomas. The European Union has set up the Erasmus scholarships, in which an undergraduate from a member country can receive funding for doing a single term in any university in another EU country. An outstanding foreign oarsman could be recruited just for the Lent term to row in the Boat Race.

Topolski, the most successful Oxford coach and the man at the centre of the 1987 mutiny, said yesterday: "The representatives of the universities are friends who are interested in the same thing — a marvellous event. However, everything has got out of hand. We must be clear in our minds what we all want."

Dr John Marks, the senior treasurer to the Cambridge University Boat Club, said: "We are close to getting a joint understanding."

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Universities shut as dons join porters in strike over pay deal

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

UNIVERSITY and college staff, from porters to professors, staged the first general strike in the new British higher education system yesterday.

Unions said that the action was supported by 100,000 members and said that up to 150 institutions were paralysed by their protest over a 1.5 per cent pay offer. There were picket lines at many universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, and a shutdown of universities in Wales.

Vice-chancellors called the action misdirected. Diana Warwick, chief executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said the staff should support its lobbying of ministers for a reversal of last year's 2.1 per cent funding cut for higher education. The committee has delayed until after the Budget a decision on whether to charge all new students in 1997 a £300 joining fee to make up some of the shortfall.

Steve Rouse, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association, said he saw little prospect of a revised offer. "Without additional funding there cannot be a change in the offer."

The National Union of Students supported the strike, which was backed in a vote by 97 out of 103 college unions. Some university services were opened for students by a skeleton staff, although it was the skeleton of British higher education which was presented to the headquarters of the vice-chancellors' committee in London by striking dons.

The strike will be followed by a "work to contract" campaign in which employees will refuse to co-operate outside their official hours.

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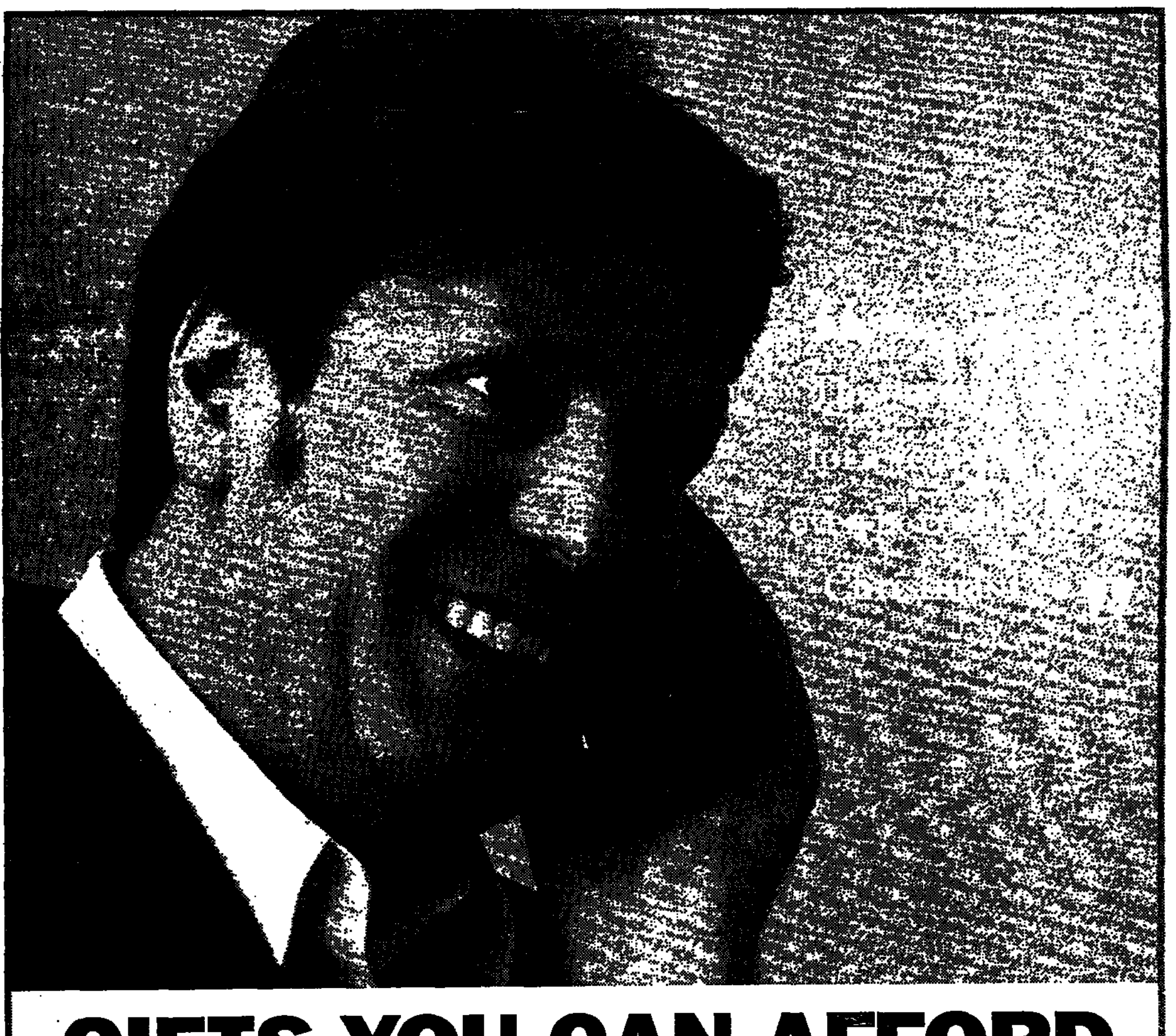

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Reynolds wins libel case but faces £1m legal bill

By A Staff Reporter

ALBERT REYNOLDS, the former Irish Prime Minister, is out of pocket to the tune of £1 million, despite winning a libel action against *The Sunday Times* yesterday.

The jury found in his favour but awarded him no damages. Unbeknown to them, he had already refused a payment into court of £5,005 by the newspaper. That decision makes him liable to pay the costs of the litigation, which involved three leading QCs, after the date of the payment. The costs are estimated unofficially at more than £1 million.

Mr Reynolds, 64, who had been accused by *The Sunday Times* of lying to the Dail, showed no emotion at the jury's verdict, which came after 18 hours' deliberation. He said at the end of the 24-day hearing at the High Court in London: "I took this case to clear my good name and uphold my reputation. I am pleased that the jury agreed that I am not a liar. Anyone who calls me a liar will have to prove it."

Asked if he thought that the costs made the action worthwhile, he replied: "There is a price to be paid for the truth and I was prepared to pay that price. But however much must be paid remains to be seen." When it was suggested he might have been better off accepting the £5,005 offer, he replied: "That is an insult."

Mr Reynolds had sued over a report in November 1994 headed "Goodbye gombeen man. Why a fib too far proved fatal". He said it was a "horrible, vicious, vilifying article which it was unnecessary to write".

Albert Reynolds outside the High Court yesterday

The newspaper said that he did not give the full facts when he defended Harry Whelehan — then recently promoted from Attorney-General to President of the High Court — against criticism for delays in extraditing Brendan Smyth, a paedophile priest. Mr Whelehan's explanation that he had not seen the file or been told about it, and that it was a complex issue with no precedent, was all he knew when he first addressed the Dail, Mr Reynolds said.

He did not get clear advice from his new Attorney-General, Eoghan Fitzsimons, about a replica case that Mr Whelehan had previously dealt with until that night, and that was conveyed to the Dail the next day. He denied deceiving his Labour coalition partner, Dick Spring, and some of his colleagues about his state of knowledge.

The newspaper denied libel, pleading qualified privilege and justification. It argued that Mr Reynolds knew enough the day before he spoke to the Dail to form the view that Mr Whelehan should not be sworn in as President of the High Court. Mr Reynolds said in evidence that he felt "just absolutely dreadful" when he read the story. "A liar: I don't know of any worse thing people could say of me."

His counsel, Lord Williams, QC, said Mr Reynolds would "deny and deny and deny again" that he lied to the Dail. Mr Reynolds was not a lawyer and had relied on others for definitive advice.

Lord Williams said *The Sunday Times* had done a "monstrous thing" in printing the article, which, he said, contained the offensive epithet "gombeen man", which the newspaper interpreted as "the local fixer with a finger in every pie".

He said that the newspaper had "mugged" Mr Reynolds with a "knife" belonging to Fergus Finlay, Mr Spring's aide, who was a source for the article. He suggested that Mr Reynolds be awarded damages of £45,000 as an "absolute base minimum".

James Price, QC, for the newspaper, which said that its story was full and accurate, portrayed Mr Reynolds as a gambler with a "streak of recklessness". He went on: "Does Mr Reynolds take responsibility for what he does? Or does he blame others — the Eoghan Fitzsimonses — honest men, distinguished men, going about their job in difficult circumstances?"

He told the jury that any damages award should be very small, akin to the sum of £3,000 Mr Reynolds would have received if he had been physically mugged and had his jaw broken.

Keen racegoer had made £150,000 on winning streak in the courts

By Audrey Magee
Ireland Correspondent

A REGULAR at Cheltenham races, Albert Reynolds has both won and lost in his latest courtroom gamble. Victory has come at a hefty price, even for a rich man.

He is a director of Irish and international companies and earns up to £18,000 for each lecture on the international circuit discussing his role in bringing about the 18-month IRA ceasefire which began in August 1994.

Mr Reynolds, 64, Prime Minister until the coalition Government collapsed two years ago, is very defensive of his public reputation. He regularly has solicitors' letters sent to journalists writing about him and his family. Before the case against *The Sunday Times*, he had successfully challenged four newspapers, other publications and broadcasters for libel on five occasions. He has received about £150,000 in damages. Five years ago, he won £70,000 from *The Sunday Times*; he has twice taken action against the *Irish Times*, which paid about £50,000; he has received £10,000 from the publishers of *The Guinness Book of Political Blunders*; and, while in court in London, Mr Reynolds received £20,000 from Radio Tara, based in Co Meath and broadcasting to the United Kingdom. He recently bought a house on one of Dublin's most select streets for about £600,000. Dubliners have dubbed it "Litigation Lodge".

His case against *The Sunday Times* received widespread coverage in the Irish media. People anxiously awaited the verdict, but bookmakers decided not to take bets because there were too many possible outcomes.

Born in Roosky, Co Roscommon, in 1932, Mr Reynolds is married with five daughters and two sons. More a businessman than a politician, he sees everything as a deal open to negotiation.

In business, his strategy helped to create a highly profitable family enterprise. C&D Foods in Longford, Mr Reynolds's home town, makes pet food for companies such as Sainsbury's. He also has directorships in China. Strategic Holdings, a Hong Kong-based company which owns a majority interest in some 140 Chinese companies.

But whether this strategy worked in politics has left opinion divided. He is greatly praised for his success on the Northern Ireland question, but damned for his treatment of domestic affairs.

Within minutes of the verdict reaching Ireland, his supporters complained that it was impossible for an Irishman to receive a fair trial in London. Callers to RTE radio said the verdict was typical of British justice: Mr Reynolds was innocent but he still had to foot the bill.

Church may buy brewery shares to fight teen drinks

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Church of England is considering relaxing its century-old ban on investing in the brewery and distillery trades, so that it can exert more influence against under-age drinking.

Clergy are concerned over the burgeoning trade in low-alcohol lemonades and other drinks, known as alcopops, which many fear are encouraging youngsters to drink to excess. In a report to be debated by the General Synod next summer, the ethical investment group of the Church Commissioners, who manage the Church's assets, recommends a selective easing of the ban. They suggest that it be lifted in the case of brewing and distilling sectors of companies that derive "significant turnover" from other activities.

The report, which has been given a cautious welcome by bishops, says: "This would allow the Church, as an investor, to make a positive contribution to the issues being debated within the industry." The investors are keen "to have dialogue with companies about their policies in respect of excessive consumption and advertising, particularly that directed at the young".

Harries: supports easing 100-year investment ban

But the group, chaired by Sir Michael Colman, the First Church Estates Commissioner, advised against bingo being allowed at a new leisure site on the commissioners' former agricultural land at Cheshire Oaks. Last year the group recommended that the Church should withdraw its investments in BSkyB.

The Right Rev Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, who once sued the commissioners over their ethical investment policy because he felt they were not accountable enough, said he supported easing the breweries ban. Bishop Harries, a patron of the Christian Ethical Investment Group, a separate body from that responsible for the report, said: "As a person who enjoys their drink, I have always felt it is slightly illogical to have a ban on the breweries section. Breweries have moved much more into the whole entertainments business. And if the Church is in that sector, it might be able to do more to stop under-age drinking."

Church leaders are concerned that any relaxation should not be misinterpreted as endorsing alcohol consumption. Investing in breweries and distilleries has been prohibited since 1948, when the commissioners began investing in equities. The policy is also followed by the Church's Board of Finance and its pensions board. Other banned investments include gambling, armaments, tobacco and newspapers.

Rustlers gobble up turkeys

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

TURKEY farmers have been warned to look out for rustlers eager to exploit high prices caused by a shortage of farm-fresh birds for Christmas.

Hundreds of birds have been stolen from farms in the West Country, where Devon and Cornwall police have stepped up patrols at turkey farms and urged farmers to tighten security. Consumption of turkey has surged this year with consumers switching to alternative meats after fears over "mad cow" disease.

Paul Cooper, a National Farmers' Union poultry specialist, said: "We always get some rustling, but this year the birds are fetching up to £50 each and offer particularly attractive pickings for thieves."

The biggest robbery recorded so far was at a farm near Crediton, Devon, which lost about 300 birds between six and eight weeks old during a night raid in September. Andrew Gray, assistant manager at Elston Farm, said: "We have had to spend £600 on a security system. I slept with the turkeys for several nights until the system was up and running."

Farm-fresh turkeys for the catering trade are fetching about £1 a lb, 20 per cent up on last year, while birds are selling to butchers at £1.48 a lb, about 10 per cent up.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman referee charged

A woman referee who showered with male players has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association. Janet Fewings, 41, of Exeter, said she was forced to use the same showers at some games because of a lack of facilities.

After reports that she was upsetting girlfriends and wives, she was banned from the touchline by the FA.

Dog owner hurt

A woman suffered serious head injuries after being hit by a car as she cradled her dead dog, itself run over by a car, in Clifton, Greater Manchester. The driver who struck Debbie Pritchard, 28, did not stop. A man was later arrested.

Blackmail plot

A teenager admitted conspiring with a manager at Rampton high-security hospital to blackmail the clients of prostitutes. Gemma Nolan, 19, from Nottingham, was remanded in custody at the city's Crown Court.

Tube accident

A woman's head was hit by a Tube train, breaking its window, as she leant over the platform at Oxford Circus to watch mice on the track. The 24-year-old from Raynes Park, southwest London, has a suspected broken neck.

Monster award

The Millennium Commission is giving £1.1 million to a project to display a collection of thousands of dinosaur fossils on the Isle of Wight. The centre will open in Sandown in 1999 and aims to attract 230,000 visitors a year.

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Two drivers killed as blizzards shut roads and schools

GAVIN FOGG

Drivers may have struggled to cope with the wintry conditions yesterday but schoolchildren in Birmingham found time to enjoy the snow

By Kathryn Knight

TWO people died yesterday as blizzards swept much of the country, blocking roads, closing schools and leaving thousands of homes without power.

Heavy snowfalls brought a spate of road accidents and general traffic misery. Motoring organisations advised drivers to stay at home unless their journey was essential.

Up to 20,000 homes blacked-out across North Wales after power lines were cut in the blizzards were likely to remain without electricity until early today because of the volume of repair work.

Drifts 8ft deep were reported in the worst-hit areas and all trans-Pennine roads were closed, except the M62. Scores of minor accidents were reported as motorists struggled to work. Others abandoned their vehicles. Breakdown and rescue services were inundated with calls.

A lorry driver died in Staffordshire in an accident on the snowbound M6. His body was found crushed under one of the vehicles. Drivers of two other heavy goods vehicles were seriously injured, and 50 sheep tipped onto the carriageway from one of the trucks were killed. Rescue services spent almost an hour releasing the drivers.

An RAF mountain rescue team was put on standby at its base in Stafford to help police and ambulance teams called to stranded vehicles.

The driver of a stolen car was killed in Shropshire when he crashed while being pursued by police at up to 70 mph as snow fell. The thief, still to be identified, died on the A458 Welshpool to Shrewsbury road after ignoring an instruction to stop. In worsening weather, he was pursued through Shrewsbury before the car mounted the pavement and hit a lamppost.

Among the areas to suffer the worst of the early cold snap yesterday were mid and North Wales, the north Midlands and the Pennines. Forecasters said more snow was expected before rain today.

Foul weather caused "a virtual traffic gridlock" in parts of Denbighshire, Flintshire and the Wrexham area. Up to seven inches of snow hit stretches of the main A55 coastal route. A rest centre was set up for about 50 stranded drivers at St Asaph, Denbighshire. Dozens of rural schools were forced to shut.

Electricity board officials drafted in teams of extra engineers but were unable to use helicopters because of poor visibility. "Heavy snow has brought down several lines to ground level. Severe icing is also affecting the system. We are working flat out on repairs but, regrettably, quite a large number of customers will remain off overnight," said a spokeswoman.

In South Wales, more than 8,000 homes were blacked out. A spokesman for South Wales Electricity said: "Most of the problems have been caused by debris being blown into power lines. We are doing repairs as quickly as possible."

The A66 between Penrith, Cumbria, and Scotch Corner, North Yorkshire, was closed after a series of accidents. An ambulance on its way to one of the worst accidents, in which cars collided with three jackknifed lorries, skidded off the road and had to be righted by paramedics. Elsewhere, glass littered the road after an articulated lorry spilt its cargo of bottled vinegar over the carriageway. A woman driver was taken to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, but was not thought to be seriously injured.

In the Irish Sea, a Scottish fishing boat was towed into Larne harbour after her engine cut out in force eight gales. The *Silvery Sea*, from Oban, got into difficulties six miles off the Antrim coast and had to be brought in by a tug from Belfast.

Torrential rain swept most of the South of England, making driving conditions hazardous, with some snow falling as far south as parts of Kent. In Dorset, many minor roads were blocked by fallen trees.

Snow also affected parts of Scotland with the A90 between Dundee and Perth described by the AA as "treacherous".

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Medical hotline to relieve 999 system

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

AN ALTERNATIVE to the 999 telephone system for medical emergencies is to be introduced in parts of Britain next year to relieve pressure on overburdened operators.

Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said yesterday that the hotline number, which will vary depending on location, will operate alongside the 999 service and will be for people whose crises do not require hospital care. "It gives access to what is a virtual emergency service, wherever that may be," he said.

The free service would guide people to social services, mental health carers, dentists and chemists who could solve urgent problems at nights and weekends. Trained local operators would also dispense health advice and tell people if they should wait until morning before getting professional help.

The move is part of a widespread review, *Developing Emergency Services in the Community*. The aim is to reduce pressure on 999 operators, accident and emergency departments and general practitioners, the three services that people turn to immediately during most emergencies. The proposals include a public education programme encouraging the acquisition of first aid skills as a civic duty.

The speed of treatment at casualty wards is likely to be reduced. Instead of everybody being assessed immediately, as the Patient's Charter guarantees, people will be seen within 15 minutes of arrival. Non-urgent cases can at best expect to be treated within four hours.

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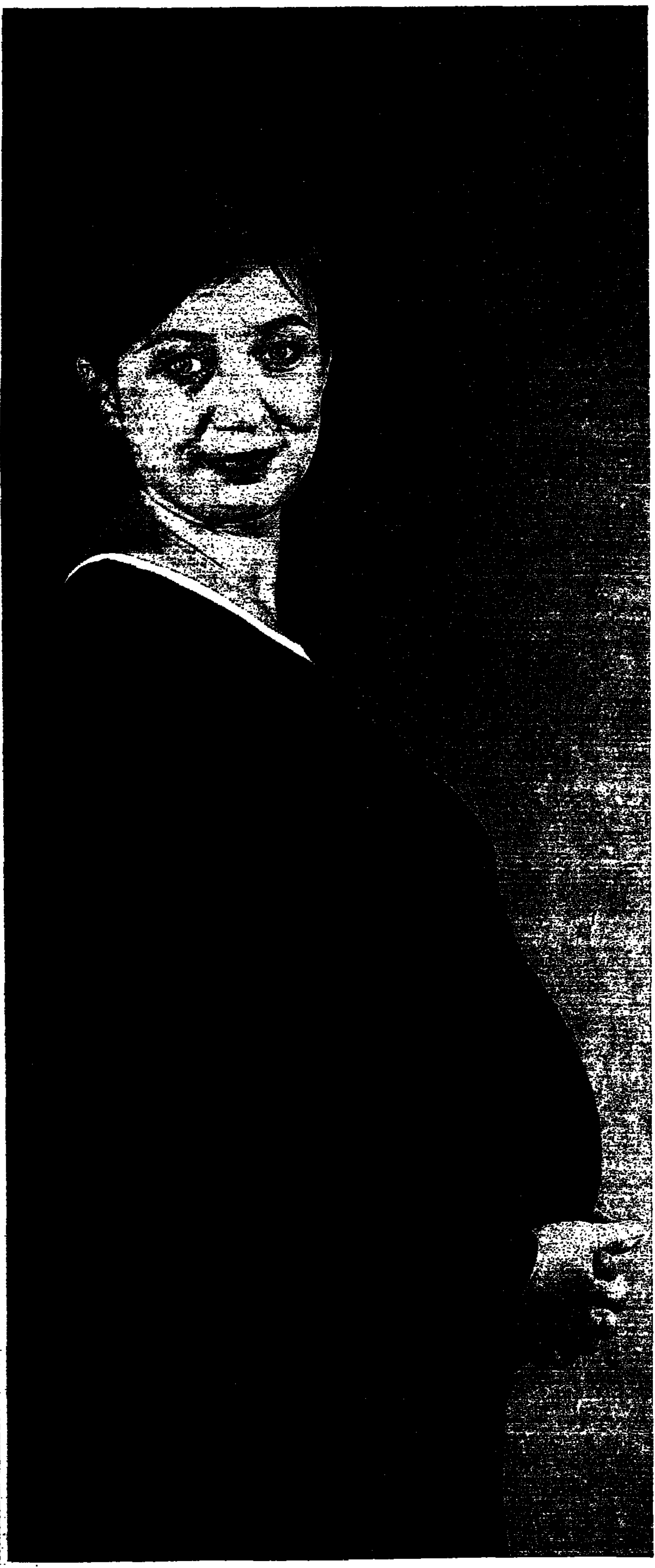

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Full horror of Nazi camp on British soil revealed

By Colin Smith

EVEN during the last week of the war Britain knew little of the horrors the Nazis had perpetrated on the Channel Island of Alderney, code-named Fortress Adolf by the Wehrmacht. It was here, on a midwinter's day, that a Russian prisoner was tied in a crucifix position at the gates of his camp and had cold water poured over him until he died.

Secret wartime files that will be available for inspection by the public at the Public Record Office at Kew in southeast London today reveal that it was only after the isolated garrison surrendered in May 1945 that German soldiers told their British interrogators of the cruelty that was perpetrated at the only concentration camp established on British soil.

An intelligence report dated March 1942, produced by MI19 — a wartime organisation that gathered intelligence from escaped prisoners and refugees — noted: "There is much less information on this island than either Guernsey and Jersey."

The reason for this intelligence blackout was simple. A steady trickle of escapers from Guernsey and Jersey used anything from fishing boats to canoes to get to England and, after the Normandy invasion, to France. At great personal risk they often brought with them the details of the German order of battle on the Channel Islands, plus sketches and maps of German fortifications.

Only Alderney, evacuated by all but a score of its 1,400 population when the Germans swept through France in the summer of 1940, remained a stubborn blank for providing intelligence. And the Germans were determined to keep it that way. When in July 1944 the crew of a stricken RAF Lancaster bomber, trying to get back to England after a raid over France, bailed out and landed near a clump of rocks off the Alderney coast, no attempt was made to pick them up and bring them ashore. Instead, German sailors watched them through binoculars as they drowned.

"Kapitan Massman [the harbour commandant in Alderney] used to send us out to get an old box floating in the sea," Kriegsmarine Willie Paechlecke told his British interrogators at the prisoner of war holding centre at Kempton Park, Surrey, a month after the war ended. "But we watched these four or five parachutes come down and were never given the order to go out and rescue them."

German troops normally behaved honourably towards downed enemy flyers and, in any case, air crew were normally prized for their intelligence value. Earlier in the war, two shot-down Spitfire pilots had been held prisoner in a local hotel then shipped to Guernsey and Germany.

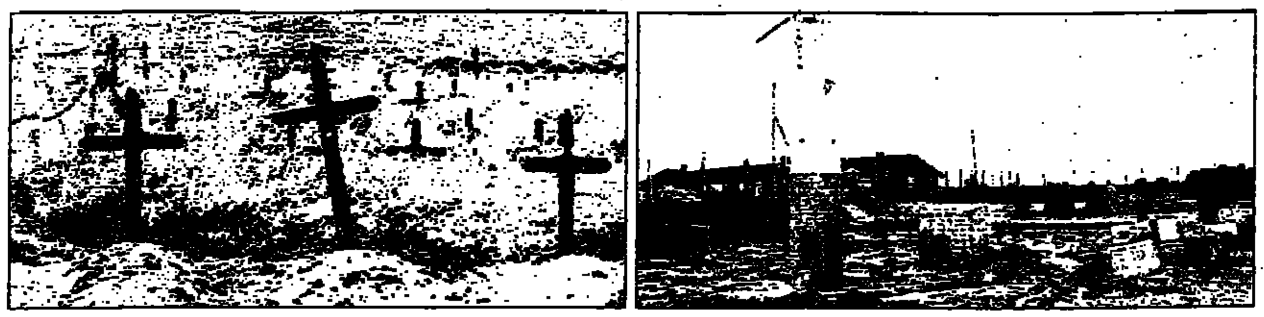
But by the summer of 1944, after four years of Nazi occupation, Alderney held too many dark secrets to risk the presence of live British airmen on its soil. A commando raid that in September 1942 plucked seven German sailors off the lighthouse on the Casquets reef six miles west of Alderney yielded little intelligence on events on the island. Part of the reason for this was that the officer in charge of the interrogation may have been distracted from seeking further information when he suddenly realised he had struck gold after one of the prisoners confessed that his previous posting had been on a seashore rocket range used by scientists for the development of the Germans' V1.

By the time the Lancaster crew was left to drown, most of the slave labourers, at one time as many as 7,000, were either dead or had been sent back to Germany, where many veterans perished during the last weeks of the war. Werner Holme watched emaciated Russian prisoners being loaded on to a freighter called the *Xavier Dosch*. "In its hold these people were crowded together like herrings, without straw, beds or blankets," he told his British interrogators.

Most of the slave labour on the island was Russian or Ukrainian, but there were also French Jews, German political prisoners and Spanish republicans who had enlisted in the French Army after their defeat by Franco, only to fall into German hands after the collapse of France in 1940.

The main reason for the delay in the release of the newly available files is that they have been in the hands of German prosecutors with a view to bringing some of Alderney's war criminals to court. But one glance at the names and descriptions given by captured Germans to their interrogators in the summer of 1945 shows how difficult the task of tracing their captors would have been half a century later. A typical description reads: "Spira — clean-shaven, brown hair; Horn, late 30s, tall and heavily built."

There is a list of the German firms that were involved in employing labour on Alderney. These include Deuba-Niemoyer and Wollffer and Goebell. However, most of these companies no longer exist.



Graves of Russian slave workers on Alderney, and the concentration camp that was destroyed by fleeing Nazis

Islanders outraged by wives who slept with Germans

By Robin Young

NEWLY released papers about the German occupation of the Channel Islands show that people on Jersey and Guernsey were outraged by the extent to which local women cohabited with German soldiers. Intelligence reports supplied by islanders who had escaped, or who were rescued by Allied troops while on their way to prisons in Germany, describe the women as "Jerrybags" or "troop carriers".

"The behaviour of a great number of women had been quite disgraceful," one informant reported. "There are many illegitimate children on the island born of German fathers. The Westaway crèche on Royal Parade is full of the little bastards."

Many of the mothers were said to be married to serving British soldiers and one with three children by her husband was reported to have had another three by German fathers during the occupation. The authorities on both islands had to subsidise the babies' upkeep, and there was great concern because island law did not allow divorce. One information report suggested: "The local police are determined to turn a blind eye when the husbands return because murder will be done, and public opinion will, in general, approve."

The claims are made in Ministry of Defence papers released yesterday at the Public Record Office in Kew, west London. One report claimed that the birth rate on the islands was little changed, because German soldiers had replaced potential British fathers evacuated from the islands. There was praise though for one unnamed woman who, having contracted venereal disease from a German soldier, was said to have deliberately infected three other German soldiers in revenge before she was deported to France.

It was thought that the conduct of the women might have been even worse had the Germans not been supplied with a brothel. Maison Victor Hugo, on Le Dicq, was said to be staffed with 36 French prostitutes who received medical checks twice a week and were run by French management under German control. The women were sent back to France three weeks after D-Day, allegedly because the Germans were frightened they would give away too many secrets.

A party of young Jersey men who escaped the island by canoe after unsuccessfully trying to form a resistance committee, and being discouraged by retired British army officers, said that even after the D-Day landings in France the women quislings were "especially blind and maintaining their associations with Germans to the bitter end. Certain of them seemed to be making hay more assiduously than ever while the sun still shines for them."

The 1944 MI19 report said the number of women of "all classes and families" who had "gone" with Germans was very high, with some informants suggesting that it was as many as seven out of ten, and that 800 or 900 German babies had been born since the occupation began. There were said to have been innumerable abortions, carried out at a standard rate of five guineas for a German father and three guineas for a local man. "Many of the mothers are women married to British serving soldiers," the informants said, adding: "The girls in Woolworth's and Boots probably know no better, and the manager of Boots, at least, has taken action already. His attention was drawn to the girls' behaviour quite early when he saw 'Boots for Bags' scrawled in chalk in the road before his shop. He sacked the lot."

The informants identified a Mrs Baudains as "the arch-female quisling" on Jersey. She was living with a German captain but was also notorious as an informer who frequently earned the standard £100 for information. By the time the reports were made she had already been beaten up and thrown through a plate-glass window in Union Street.

Other collaborators identified by the informants included Maureen Langlois of the New Star Hotel, St Peter — "a Jerrybag of long standing"; Gloria Love, the mistress of Captain Zapineck, a German entertainments officer who had been killed in France, and after his death of Colonel Heldorf; Dulcie Hibbs, of Havre des Pas, who is said to have informed on her father because she was so enamoured; a Miss Cornish, "the Jersey mistress of Gestapo Chief Wolf"; Phyllis Rowden, who bore a Gestapo officer a child; and Miss Mourant, the bank manager's daughter, who was "friendly" with Doctor Pelz, the German agricultural officer.

Later reports suggested that the collaborators, once the prospect of Allied victory became more obvious, were "trying wholesale to get with loyal islanders". The same informants supplied lists of male collaborators, who included black marketeers, and islanders who had helped the German forces to requisition supplies.

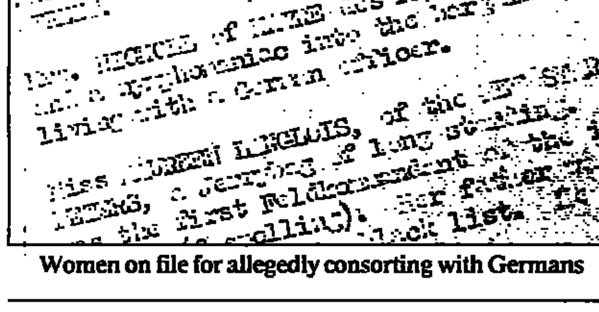
Their lists included Mr Robert, a barber who would only cut German hair; George Romeril, a big cattle dealer turned black marketeer; George Duhamel, an employee of the States (island parliament), charged with commandeering motor transport for the Germans and "more zealous than his duty demands"; Alfred Thomasse, of Le Cotillon Hill, Grouville, armed by the Germans as a quarry guardian; a chemist called Le Poidevin who served only Germans; Ernest L'Amy, a "pro-German dance band leader"; and Doctor Kirschner, Swiss proprietor of the Hotel Normandy in Dicq, St Luke's, "a thoroughly disloyal fifth columnist".

The reliability of these accusations can be questioned since George Le Breuilly, manager for the Country Gentlemen's Association, listed as a collaborationist in one report, is later revealed to have been arrested by the German authorities for listening to the BBC and to have refused to collaborate with them, preferring to serve his prison sentence instead.

Similarly the Rev Pere Marie of St Thomas Church, St Helier, is accused by one group of informants of delivering pro-German sermons, while others say he only delivered sermons to Germans, not for them.

Other suspects included the President of the Chamber of Commerce, who had a German wife; a retired officer called Colonel West who attended a German officer's funeral; an electricity company employee said to spy for Germans on his rounds; and a former agent for Huntley and Palmer biscuits known as Herr von Clift since he had become petrol controller on the island.

The informants also claimed that 400 to 500 Irish labourers on Jersey formed "a disreputable bloc well stuck into the black market". The Irishmen, the islanders reported, had hit upon the idea of cornering supplies of firewood and then selling boiling water at street corners for threepence (just over 1p) a pot.



Women on file for allegedly consorting with Germans

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The MI19 report which lists Jersey's quislings

MARTIN BEDDALL

Troops supervising the return of islanders to Alderney in January 1946. Most had been evacuated by 1940

Prisoners starved, beaten and worked to death

By Colin Smith

LIFE was steadily worn out of the slave labourers sent to Alderney by the Nazis. They were subject to the usual concentration camp regimen of back-breaking labour, 12 hours a day, usually seven days a week.

Systematic brutality and starvation rations drove some so crazy with hunger that they dug up animal entrails buried behind the island's slaughterhouse. SS guards baited them by feeding their dogs with German Army rations in front of them.

The most notorious camp was the *SYLT* camp for political prisoners, including Russian "defaulters". Of the 1,600 Russians taken to the island as forced labour, at least half starved or were beaten to death.

A few of the German military personnel and civilian workers appeared to have disapproved deeply of what they saw and, according to their own testimonies, dared to intervene. Martin Kescher, a crane operator, left his cab when he saw a guard beating a Russian prisoner with a pickaxe handle. "I jumped down from the crane, got hold of him and said, 'If you hit a Russian again I will throw you into the water.'"

Johann Burbach, a German soldier interrogated by MI19, said the prisoners were fed only hot water and cabbage leaves and the guards were able to make a handsome profit by selling food intended for the prisoners. Other Germans said that SS guards would get their bloodhounds to chase the prisoners to the camp perimeter, where they were shot by the sentries for trying to escape.

Grenadier Walter Schuller talked of reusable coffins. "In the summer of 1943, I was working not far away from the Russian cemetery and I witnessed the burial of a Russian. The grave was already dug. They got the coffin to it. There were bolts on the side. These were released and the corpse fell into the grave."

Another prisoner recalled how a French woman from Alsace, who was working on the island, discovered the body of a Russian who had become so weak that he had drowned in a shallow ditch.

Duke of Windsor's unpatriotic gaffes set embassy wires buzzing

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

EMBARRASSED concern among ministers about the wartime conduct of the Duke of Windsor will be disclosed next month when Foreign Office papers are released.

The documents include dispatches from British ambassadors informing the Foreign Office of the Duke's contacts and movements as he and the Duchess travelled from France to Spain and Portugal, then to the Bahamas and the United States.

Besides the official messages, the material to be released at the Public Record Office is expected to include letters from some ambassadors giving details of the Duke's indiscretions and remarks. There are also questions about his friendship with a Swedish multimillionaire, Axel Wenner-Gren, considered by the Americans to be a friend of Hermann Göring.

Foreign Office archivists have spent about a year compiling papers from the wartime period to the early 1950s. The trawl was prompted by a parliamentary question from Andrew MacKinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock, on whether the Foreign Office still held papers about the period. It is understood that 22 were found.

Philip Ziegler, who was appointed official historian to complete his biography of Edward VIII, is the only person outside the Government to have studied them. He used some in his book, including the fact that Samuel Hoare, the former Ambassador to Madrid, telegraphed London to urge the Government to contradict German propaganda that he and the Duke were carrying on negotiations for peace.

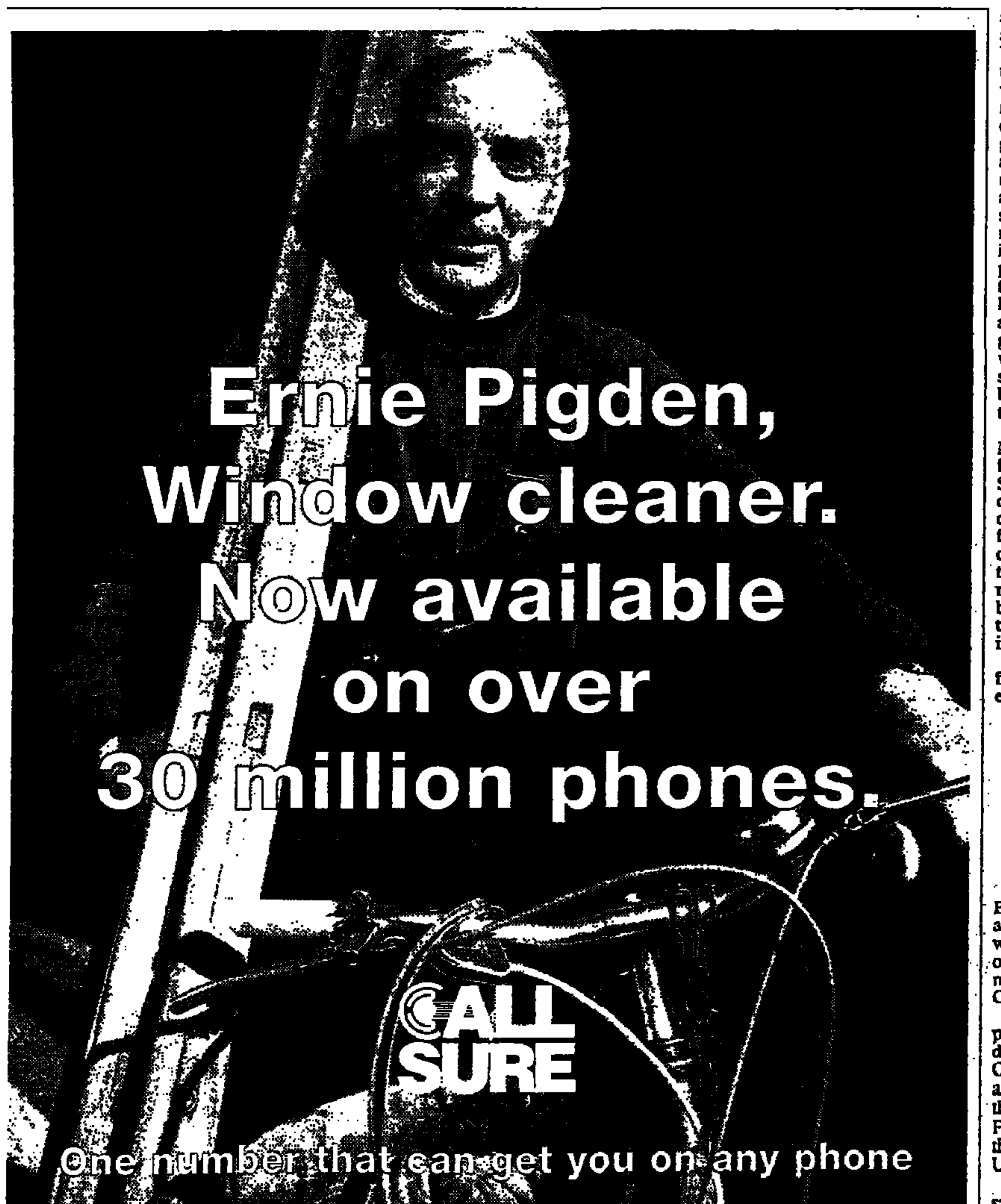
The Duke had apparently told a member of the American Embassy staff that "the most important thing now to be done was to end the war before thousands more were killed or maimed to save the faces of a few politicians". Mr Ziegler says in his book: "To think this in June 1940 was forgivable; to say it openly to a representative of a foreign, even if friendly power, was to say the least indiscreet."

But by the end of the Windsors' stay in Madrid, Hoare was reporting to London that, while they had stimulated German propaganda, the couple had otherwise done well. "So far from making any defeatist remarks, they went out of their way to show their belief in final victory."

Mr MacKinlay said yesterday: "These papers may reveal the extent of the Duke's dialogues through intermediaries with the Germans. Certainly whilst he was staying in the Iberian peninsula there was some evidence to suggest that he had such contacts after the fall of France and caused embarrassments both for his brother, George VI, and the Government throughout the period of the war.

"I welcome the release of these papers, but there is no reason why the events of this period were not disclosed before. There needs to be transparency about the conduct of all leading public figures during this period."

The Duke: was a friend of a friend of Göring



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Police will get new power to curb knife violence

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

POLICE are to be given comprehensive stop-and-search powers to combat the carrying of knives and possession of drugs on the streets, under plans announced by Michael Howard yesterday.

The Home Secretary also proposed curbs on the advertising of knives under aggressive descriptions such as "The Vindicator" and "Rambo knife".

Mr Howard's surprise announcement that he wanted the police's stop-and-search powers extended came as part of the auction that has developed between the Government and Labour on pre-election law and order initatives. Two weeks ago Mr Howard said that the police would get additional powers to stop anyone they believed to be a member of a gang known to carry weapons. Under his latest proposal, police would be allowed to stop and search people, without reasonable suspicion, within specified areas if they believed they were carrying knives or drugs. This would be authorised by a superintendent.

At present police can stop and search people without reasonable suspicion in a specified area for 24 hours if they believe there is a danger of serious violence.

Mr Howard said: "Extra stop and search powers for the police will tackle the real evil of people carrying knives in public without good reason."

Last night Frances Lawrence, who presented a manifesto for curbing violence after the murder of her husband, the headmaster Philip Lawrence, welcomed Mr Howard's proposals on extending stop-and-search powers in relation to knives. She told *The Times*: "I believe the Home Secretary's announcement is an advance. I am pleased: it really seems to me that Mr Howard is trying to move things forward."

Mr Howard outlined his proposals in a letter to Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, and suggested they could provide the basis of a Private Member's Bill. Jimmy Wray, Labour MP for Glasgow Provan, came top in a ballot for backbenchers to be given the chance to pilot legislation through the Commons and has said that he might wish to act against knives. He said last night that although his Bill would deal with the marketing of knives, consultation would be needed on extending police stop-and-search powers in relation to knives. Mr Wray added that at a meeting with David Maclean, a junior Home Office Minister, it had been agreed that his Bill would not include extending powers to search for drugs.

The new offence of marketing a knife in a way that suggests an aggressive use for it would apply both to its name and associated sales literature. Mr Howard admitted that the measure would would not guarantee the prohibition of the sale of undesirable knives. "But it would stop them being called by unacceptable names or being accompanied by unacceptable language."

The new marketing offence would carry a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and/or a £5,000 fine.

The planned extension of police powers was condemned by civil liberties groups, which said last night that any town and particularly big cities could be subject to stop-and-search operations.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "This draconian measure, if used insensitively, will do nothing but create high levels of conflict betwene young people and the law."

John Wadham, director of the pressure group Liberty, accused the Government of "bringing in by the back door" a measure that would mean many young people having no protection from arbitrary searching by the police.

The proposal for more powers to search for knives was welcomed by organisations representing all police ranks. David Phillips, secretary of the crime committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "It is important that police should have the power to search for weapons in the right circumstances."

Criminals face risk of life ban from driving

CONVICTED criminals face a life driving ban as part of their sentence under a proposal announced by the Government yesterday, Richard Ford writes.

Thieves, burglars and other offenders could be banned regardless of whether their offences involved motor vehicles. The courts would have the power to impose life driving bans on any offender apart from fine defaulters.

Michael Howard believes that criminals will be deterred by the threat of losing their driving licence. The power, introduced as an amendment to the Crime (Sentences) Bill, would be tested first with a pilot scheme.

Motoring organisations criticised the plan when it was announced at the Tory party conference. The AA and RAC said that it would only add to the number of unisured motorists on the roads.

Yesterday Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "Disqualifying non-motoring offenders from driving makes little sense. It will hamper offenders' rehabilitation, create further headaches for an overstretched police service and damage the interests of accident victims."

Michael Portillo, who says bonuses are a cost-effective way of keeping trained soldiers

CHRIS HARRIS

Army in line for pay boost

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

SOLDIERS might be offered bigger bonuses as an incentive to stay in the Forces. The idea is one of several being considered by the Army Board to resolve the drastic manpower shortage in many infantry and armoured regiments.

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has given his full backing to any Army Board initiative to boost Army numbers and has supported the cash bonuses idea. "If you have already trained people, if they are performing at their peak, to encourage them with money to stay on is a very cost-effective way of maintaining them in the Armed Forces," he said in an interview with *The Times*. Recruiting more soldiers and keeping them was now the Army Board's priority. He said he was expecting the board shortly to come up with "new ideas".

The latest figures show that the manpower shortage has increased to 5,350, compared with about 4,000 a year ago. The shortage has come at a time when the Government is preparing to commit more than 1,000 troops to Zaire and is expected to confirm that about 5,000 troops will be deployed in Bosnia next year.

Mr Portillo said: "We're certainly doing a lot and it takes its toll on the Armed Forces. They spend less time with their families than I would like to see. On the other hand it is also essential that we fulfil our international responsibilities and the Armed Forces are pleased to show how useful they are. If we could recruit the numbers that we want, the problem would be eased."

Since October last year, soldiers who have served two years in the infantry, armoured corps and Royal Artillery have been paid a £1,400 bonus to stay on for another two years. They also get £250 for recruiting a friend. Recruiting is up 35 per cent on last year, but Mr Portillo said that he did not expect the problem to be resolved within the next 12 months. "Because you have to take people in and train them, we have a thinnish pipe and you can't push huge numbers down it all at once, so on any analysis it will take some years to get this right," he said.

Queen to consider Archer's royal Bill

By Alice Thomson

JEFFREY ARCHER has been told he will need the Queen's permission before he can introduce a Bill to give women equal rights to the throne.

Constitutional experts and clerks in the Lords have been examining the peer's request to put forward a backbench measure to end primogeniture in the Royal Family. They have decided that Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare must take the extremely rare step of presenting "an humble address" in the House.

The address, "praying that her majesty may be graciously pleased to allow that her undoubted prerogative will not stand in the way", will be heard in December, then taken to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen is expected to send a message giving her assent to a first reading within two weeks. Although Palace officials believe that a government Bill would be more appropriate, they know that there would be an outcry if the Queen vetoed any proposed legislation. She is presented with "an humble address" only over issues that affect her prerogative and change the law of succession.

If Lord Archer gets his first reading, the issue could be debated in early February. He was in Japan promoting his books yesterday but friends said he was thrilled with the response and convinced that the Queen supported the idea.

Self-appointed saints can spare us the sanctimony

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

When Brian Mawhinney and Peter Mandelson offer advice to the media, it is time to be suspicious. It is rather like chefs urging slimming, good intentions contradicted by self-indulgent practice. Their words are belied by their records. There is more than a whiff of hypocrisy.

The Conservative Party chairman and Labour's election campaign manager yesterday gave speeches to the Westminster Media Forum about how the broadcasters and the press should cover the election. They made good points about the need for the media to avoid trivialisation, insider gossip about that most tedious of topics "spin-doctors", and about the dangers of obsession with opinion polls. The media do often lose perspective and ignore the substance of policy. There is a pack mentality which discourages originality and produces a defensive approach in which papers slavishly follow each other over the alleged story of the day, even if it is trivial or marginal.

Dr Mawhinney and Mr Mandelson are both highly intelligent, sophisticated politicians. The former has, by all accounts, taken a firm grip of Conservative Central Office and given direction to its election planning, while the latter is rightly regarded as one of the main architects of Labour's revival and authors of Blairism. Labour owes a lot to him. But neither is exactly a saintly figure above the fight, as they implied yesterday. They and their agents are as responsible as the media for the faults they bemoaned.

Dr Mawhinney's "strong" advice that all opinion polls should be ignored is a bit rich since Tory officials are among the most eager to find out the details of the latest polls. Politicians are fascinated by polls. Dr Mawhinney's warning that "none of us should forget that the divisions which matter, and the choices which have to be made, are between the parties, not within them" is a bit rich. His own staff have never been reticent about briefing against his Cabinet colleagues, as a distinguished list including Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Gillian Shephard and Douglas Hogg can readily testify.

Mr Mandelson deplored negative and spurious stories and gave a number of examples. That would be more defensible if Labour, and Mr Mandelson himself, did not demean public debate by repeatedly accusing the Tories of "lying". Such language does not contribute to the "objective reporting that concentrates on the election's substantive issues" which he seeks.

The real trouble is that Dr Mawhinney and Mr Mandelson would like the media to drop their critical faculties during elections. What they want is stories favourable to their side. What is objective to one is highly partisan to the other. I have no doubt that the parties will be seeking to guide, spin and manage the media during the next six months.

Dr Mawhinney argued that during the campaign the media should "channel messages from those seeking a mandate to those preparing to confer it. The media's primary function during those four weeks is not to stand between the politician and the public interpreting what we mean or what we say. It is to allow the parties to set out their stalls and explain their policies so that the public can then reach a judgment."

Of course, party platforms and speeches should be reported, arguably more than they were in 1992. But these are not impartial statements, detached analyses by the International Monetary Fund of generally agreed facts. They are invariably highly partisan and slanted. Elections are precisely when the press has a vital role in analysing and interpreting the claims of the parties. In the last campaign, most of the press let the Tories off lightly on their grossly over-optimistic claims about tax cuts.

The press and broadcasters can certainly do better in covering politics. But politicians and "spin-doctors" should spare us sanctimonious and self-interested advice. Physician heal thyself.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

Today in the Commons: from 9:30am, backbench debates including on firework safety and on the brewing industry; from 2.30pm, Scottish questions; Labour-initiated debate on the National Health Service; backbench debate on water meters in Norwich. In the Lords: debates on the "pension time bomb in Europe"; the impact of second weekly Lottery draw on charities; the Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill, second reading

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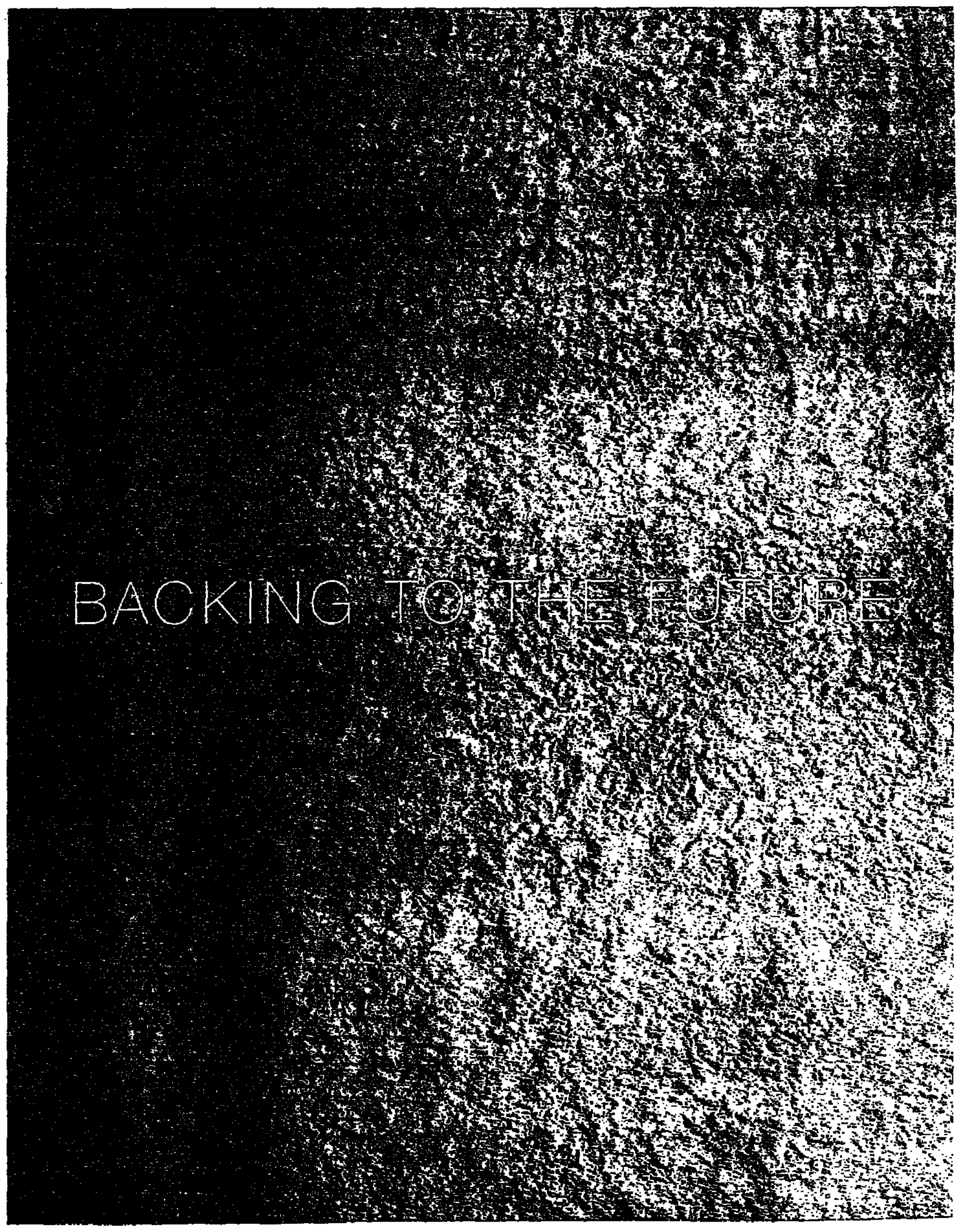

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Wanted: unemployed person to relieve Major of his mantra

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Tuesday afternoon marked a significant anniversary for John Major. It was the 300th Prime Minister's Questions which Mr Major himself has taken. 300 sessions of nonsensical questions and nonsensical answers. 300 fatuous 15-minute spats which, laid end to end, would yield 60 hours of continuous babble.

Yesterday Major reached Question 6. The inquiry, like all the others, was whether he would state his engagements for the day. The reply, "I refer my hon Friend [Rt hon Friend/Gentleman/Lady] to the answer I gave some moments ago," was the reply he always gives. Only once does he actually state his engagements: a meaningless piece of non-information.

The pointless ritual arises for reasons it is pointless to relate. Along with the pauses and the getting up and sitting down, it consumes some 11 seconds. The initial diary-recitation consumes some 15 seconds. Simple arithmetic suggests that Major has now spent nearly six hours of his life in bland recitations of his day's diary, or referring his hon Friends to the reply he gave some moments ago.

Prime Ministers are paid about £30 an hour. The skills needed to intone "I refer my hon friend to the answer I gave some moments ago" can be hired for less. It is this column's modest suggestion — tendered as a small memento to the occasion — that if the British Constitution absolutely requires somebody to recite these words twice a week, then an unemployed person might be taken off the streets and asked to stand in a small soundproofed cubicle in the Palace of Westminster, out of earshot of serious politics, and intone the requisite mantra at the requisite hour.

Yesterday, John Major did the honours. It was neither his nor Tony Blair's finest hour. For what felt like the 300th time, a Tory backbencher (Ann Winterton) brought happy tidings of a drop of unemployment in her constituency (Congleton) and asked, for the 300th time, whether this would not be imperilled by "the minimum wage and the social chapter" (etc). For the 300th time, Major found himself "delighted" with the good news, and in absolute agreement with his hon friend about Labour's threat.

Mr Major makes an unconvincing poodle-master and Mrs Winterton an unconvincing poodle. For the 300th time, this sketch asks: Why don't they pack it in?

Then Tony Blair got up. His question about mixed wards in hospitals, on which he became puzzlingly insistent (returning to it three times) is the sort of thing which may sound logical when set out at a policy strategy meeting in a high-powered public relations consultancy . . .

"You see, Tony, NHS *is* the message: market research shows we're ahead on health: health is on-message: economics is off-message. Look at these charts . . . Peter, show him the charts . . . We hit Major three times on health, *then*, in the final soundbite, we *link through* from unreliability on health to unreliability on everything else."

"But there isn't anything to say on health."

"Then we'll find something. Anji, dig up something on health."

. . . but which sounded odd in the Chamber. Blair sometimes gives the impression of having got a "Be a Leader of the Opposition" kit for Christmas, painstakingly cutting along the dotted lines, working out which tabs have to be folded back and glued, and where the wheels go.

For his part, Major often speaks as though receiving instructions from an earpiece, or perhaps the spirit world. A bizarre duo. 300 PMQs down, how many to go?

Backbenchers unite to force currency debate into the open

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Government is today facing an embarrassing defeat over its attempt to sideline a crucial debate on steps towards a European single currency.

It is to be confronted by an impressive show of backbench power as MPs, spurred on by a Labour leadership anxious to highlight divisions in the Tory ranks, protest at its plans to hold a discussion on preparations for economic and monetary union in a small committee room rather than on the floor of the House.

By last night, approaching 200 MPs had signed a Commons motion objecting to the procedure suggested by Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons. Today many of them intend to crowd into Committee Room 10 to make their feelings known.

Labour whips were encouraging their MPs sign the motion believing that if they can get the figure up to 300 the Government will have to give way. But Mike O'Brien, Labour's Treasury spokesman in the committee, is also planning to propose in the meeting today that the debates should be taken on the floor of the Commons, and there is a real chance that the Government would lose. Although it would not be bound by the defeat, the pressure on it to change its mind would be intense.

Euro-sceptics and Labour MPs are saying that the Government wants the issue dealt with away from the public glare to avoid the pro-European Kenneth Clarke having to face questions on the single currency.

The debate relates to three EU documents on the euro, the proposals for nations which stay outside the single currency and the "stability pact", under which countries that run up excessive deficits can be fined.

Mr Newton has ruled that that the discussions should take place in a committee which is better suited to deal with the details of the proposals. In a memo to MPs, Mr Clarke says he is "concerned that Parliament has the opportunity to comment on these proposals" — although he does not specify his preferred forum. Mr Newton had been urged by the Commons European Legislation committee, which scrutinises all laws from Brussels, to allow a debate in the Commons chamber because of EMU's "legal and political importance". Mr Clarke in his memo is careful to stick to the Government's wait-and-see policy.

He repeatedly makes the point that, whether or not Britain eventually converts to the euro, the low inflation targets and sound public finances advocated by the EU are "sound in their own right".

The Government came under fierce attack last night. The leading Euro-sceptic Bill Cash said: "The intention when setting up the standing committees was that important matters should be left on the floor of the House. What is being done here is in direct contravention of that aim."

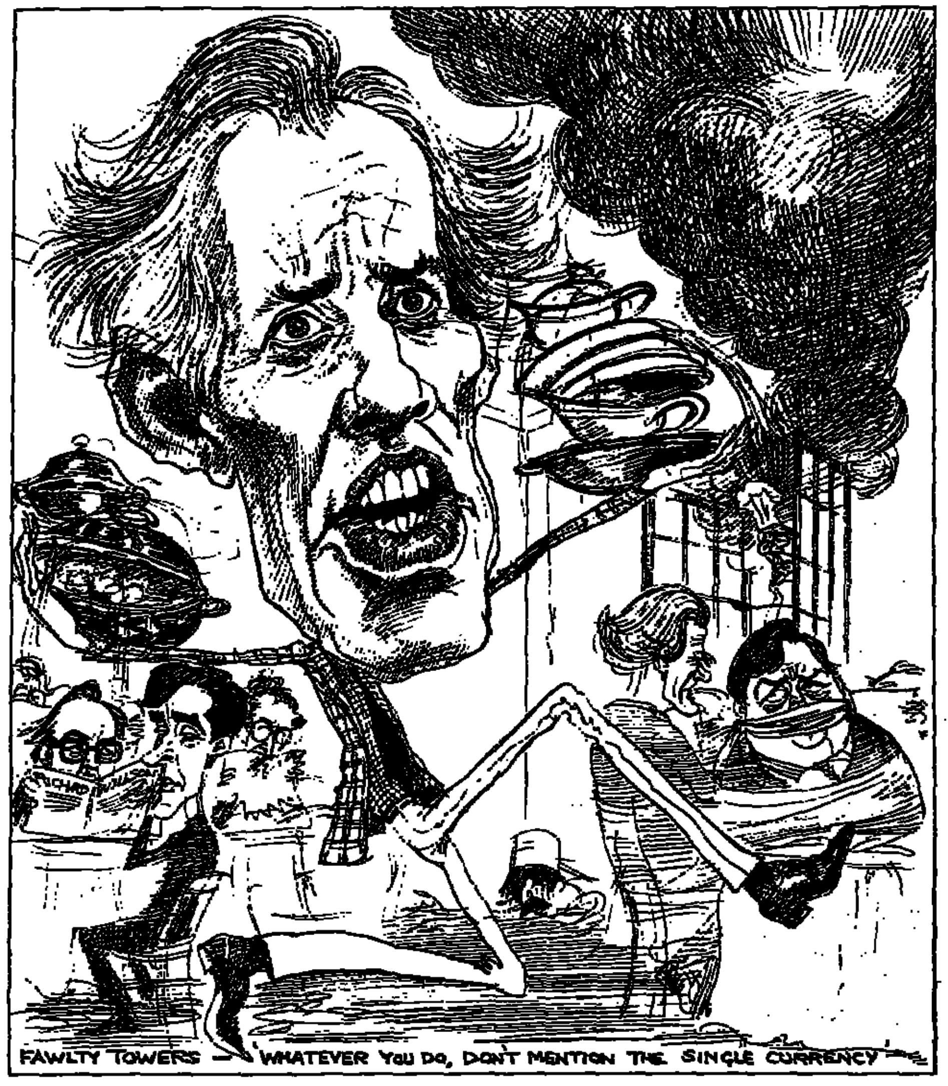
Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, seized on the row in a speech last night. He said: "Conservative ministers trying to deny a debate on Europe in Parliament — and more concerned about the narrow views on the extreme Conservative Right than the great concerns under discussion — are not serving the national interest well."

Alistair Darling, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "We welcome a debate on the single currency, which stands in stark contrast to the Tories, who are running away from a debate which would expose the rift between the Chancellor and his own backbenchers."

But the Pro-European Tory Hugh Dykes also backed a wider debate. "The essence of the ministerial posture is to say 'don't let's discuss it, it's too awkward'. It's the most important subject facing the nation . . . It's essential to get that national debate launched well ahead of any decisions that have to be made for 1999 and beyond."

The former Tory minister David Howell, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, said: "We're a long way forward from where we were ten or 15 or 20 years ago, but there comes every now and again a major issue when it needs to be brought right to the centre of a visible political debate, and that's on the floor of the House."

Negotiations on the stability pact have caused Germany to clash with nations such as Britain and Spain over its insistence on cast-iron rules to define when members of EMU would be allowed to run up a deficit. As a result of the deadlock, Brussels officials are predicting EU leaders will be able to agree only a broad political statement on the pact at the Dublin summit next month.


FAWLTY TOWERS — WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MENTION THE SINGLE CURRENCY

Labour promises to overhaul demoralised CPS

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

LABOUR promised yesterday that in government it would carry out "wholesale reform" of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, made the pledge after a survey of lawyers who work for the service revealed widespread disenchantment and low morale. Mr Straw said the findings highlighted the "need for fundamental reform of the CPS" to make it more effective in securing convictions.

The poll had fulfilled predictions from the Royal Commission in 1981 on Criminal Procedure that a single, centralised prosecution service would be borne down by the "dead hand of bureaucracy". He called for measures to de-centralise the service, make prosecutors more "sensitive to local concerns" and improve co-operation with police.

The poll, published yesterday by MORI, found lawyers overwhelmingly supported the idea of an independent prosecution service but were deeply demoralised about its current management culture. More than two thirds of lawyers polled rated the CPS below average or one of the worst places to work,more than half would leave their jobs given the chance.

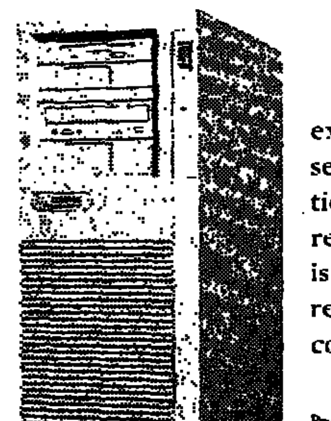
The ratings were described by MORI as the worst among 400 public and private sector organisations in more than 20 years. The poll was commissioned by the First Division, the union representing 75 per cent of the 2,200 lawyers in the CPS, with a response rate of nearly 60 per cent.

Kevin Goodwin, the union's CPS section convenor, said that crown prosecutors were "degraded, demotivated, demeaned and demoralised". He added: "This survey is a warning shot. We want a root and branch overhaul of management ethos aned culture."

Brown warns utilities

GORDON BROWN delivered a tough warning to privatised utilities last night telling them not to try to wriggle out of paying a windfall tax on their excess profits (Jill Sherman writes).

In a speech to the London International Futures and Options Exchange, the Shadow Chancellor said that several companies were already trying to get out of paying the levy through avoidance schemes. "Let me make clear there is no measure taken by the utilities, whether it be the use of special dividends, share buy backs, tax havens, or the sale of capital allowances, that will reduce or eliminate the windfall levy."



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Germany's main investigation agency into war crimes by Hitler's regime may be forced to cease work, **Roger Boyes** reports

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Underpinning the debate is
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Herr Dressen, a stocky, *grey-haired lawyer*, has been involved in 106,000 investigations, *but only 6,494 have* resulted in trials. "Twelve of *them were sentenced to death*, 166 to life imprisonment," he said. "Most went to jail, but I do remember one 67-year-old who got out of prison because he claimed he was an underage youth when he committed *his crimes*." He is on the trail of another 30 or 40 suspected *criminals*.

Nazi-hunting is expensive. To pay for air fares and investigations abroad, Herr Dressen has had to save elsewhere. There are no files *on computer, no money* for furniture. The agency does not seem to have changed much since it was set up in 1958.

Hunting of Nazis remains a deeply unpopular profession. Two petrol bombs have been thrown into the building and bombs left near the door. "*When Streim died*," *remembers* his successor, "I got many *letters saying*, 'Congratulations! May Streim rot in hell and may you soon join *him*.'" His one extravagance is a door that is bomb-proof and fireproof.

Herr Dressen believes that Nazi-hunters should transform themselves into histori*ans and educators. He says* his files should not disappear into the federal archives in Koblenz. "We are much more liberal than the federal archives; we can let anyone with *scientific interest read through* our documents." The director only blacks out the names of some living people.

The first sign of trouble in the Nazi-hunting community came earlier this year. A *German television film* attacked Herr Wiesenthal, *claiming that he had exagger*ated his role in capturing Adolf Eichmann (hanged in Israel in 1961) and in tracing Martin Bormann, the Nazi Party chancellor, and Josef Mengele, the concentration *camp doctor*.

Critics included Beate *Klarsfeld, the French Nazi*-hunter, Isser Harel, the retired Mossad chief, and Eli Rosenbaum, chief of the OSI. Until then, Nazi-hunters had kept their differences private.

The reason for the public *arguments is simple: with few* Nazis left to chase, the Nazi-*hunters are now chasing* fame.

Herr Dressen, however, did not much want the job. "In 1967 I was a young lawyer and was sent to Ludwigsburg: it was no place to start a career."

He fears that his hundreds of thousands of files will fall *apart, just like people's memo*ries. Every senior member of his staff has to take a file home in the evening and repair it.

Young neo-Nazis are often ordered to spend time at the agency, reading the details of *how men and women* were shot and gassed. Herr *Dressen believes this might* become one of the functions of his centre. "These people glorify Hitler and the Nazis without knowing the first thing about them. So we try to show them how it really was."

Simon Wiesenthal, who wants the agency to remain open

ARTURO MARI/AP

Pope accepts Castro offer

The Pope welcomes President Castro at the Vatican yesterday, where the Cuban leader invited the pontiff to visit the Communist island *next year. The pontiff accept*ed, but no date was set (Richard Owen writes). Señor Castro, 70, brought up a Jesuit before turning to Marxism, spent 35 minutes alone with the Pope in his study during which he was urged to give greater reli*gious freedom to the Catho*lic Church. Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican Secretary of State, said that there were fewer than 200 priests serving a population of 11 million in Cuba. Like earlier Communist visitors to the Vatican, Señor Castro *looked stunned by the splen*dours of the Vatican, including the Sistine Chapel, which he described as a "marvel". The Cuban leader *toured St Peter's Basilica* and seemed overawed, spending a long time gazing at Michelangelo's *Pietà* (the Virgin Mary holding the dead Jesus after the Crucifixion), St Peter's Tomb, and a bronze statue of the apostle revered by pilgrims.

Belarus leader shrugs off protests

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Lukashenko yesterday ignored the growing clamour of protest at home *and abroad* over his attempts to acquire dictatorial powers, *labelling his* opponents "lackeys of the West".

With only days *to go before* his controversial referendum scheduled for Sunday, *the* Belarussian leader showed no signs of tempering his language or his policies in the bitter dispute with parliament, which *many* fear could spill over into bloodshed. Anti-Lukashenko MPs, *who have* occupied the assembly building since Friday, have *begun* moves to impeach their leader and have won the backing of key figures like Mikhail Chigir, the Prime Minister, *who resigned on Monday*.

However, obeservers believe that the protests are unlikely to make much difference. Mr Lukashenko controls key institutions, in particular the security forces and the media, and has much public support in rural areas.

"*I will not give up the reins* of power. The people did not entrust them to me to be given up," the President told 17,000 supporters in Borisov.

"These people [MPs] are ready to destroy the state for the sake of their ambitions," he said. "There will be no turning back; we will *force* them to respect the will of the people."

America, Britain, France and Germany have condemned Mr Lukashenko for his "illegal" referendum. Opposition *politicians* in Belarus gave a warning that a new Cold War loomed if the President won his attempt to increase his powers.

Russia, which provides Belarus with gas and other basic needs, is the only external power likely to be of any real influence on the outcome of the current stand-off. So far, however, Moscow has limited its public remarks to appeals for calm.

☐ **Yeltsin fears**: *Kremlin* watchers remain worried about President Yeltsin's recovery after heart surgery when he again failed to appear on television after meeting Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister.

Russian nuclear waste is 'greatest security threat for the West'

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RUSTING nuclear submarines, unstable nuclear power stations, leaking waste tanks and poor storage of radioactive plutonium make the Kola peninsula in north-west Russia *the greatest threat to* Western security, according to a recent report *to* the Norwegian parliament.

Yesterday senior Norwegian officials had talks at the Foreign Office on the urgent steps now agreed by Western allies on how to clean up the nuclear waste around *Murmansk and reduce the threat of* a catastrophe. After the Moscow Group of Seven nuclear summit in April, Britain agreed to join a Contact Expert Group to co-ordinate the Western help in dealing with radioactive waste.

In September Norway, Russia and America signed a trilateral agreement on Arctic military environmental co-operation. The main focus will be on the dismantling of Russian nuclear submarines. The three countries are also to look at better ways of storing temporarily solid radioactive waste, developing *new Russian technology for treat*ing liquid radioactive waste, reducing the volume of all such material and developing a prototype container for the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel.

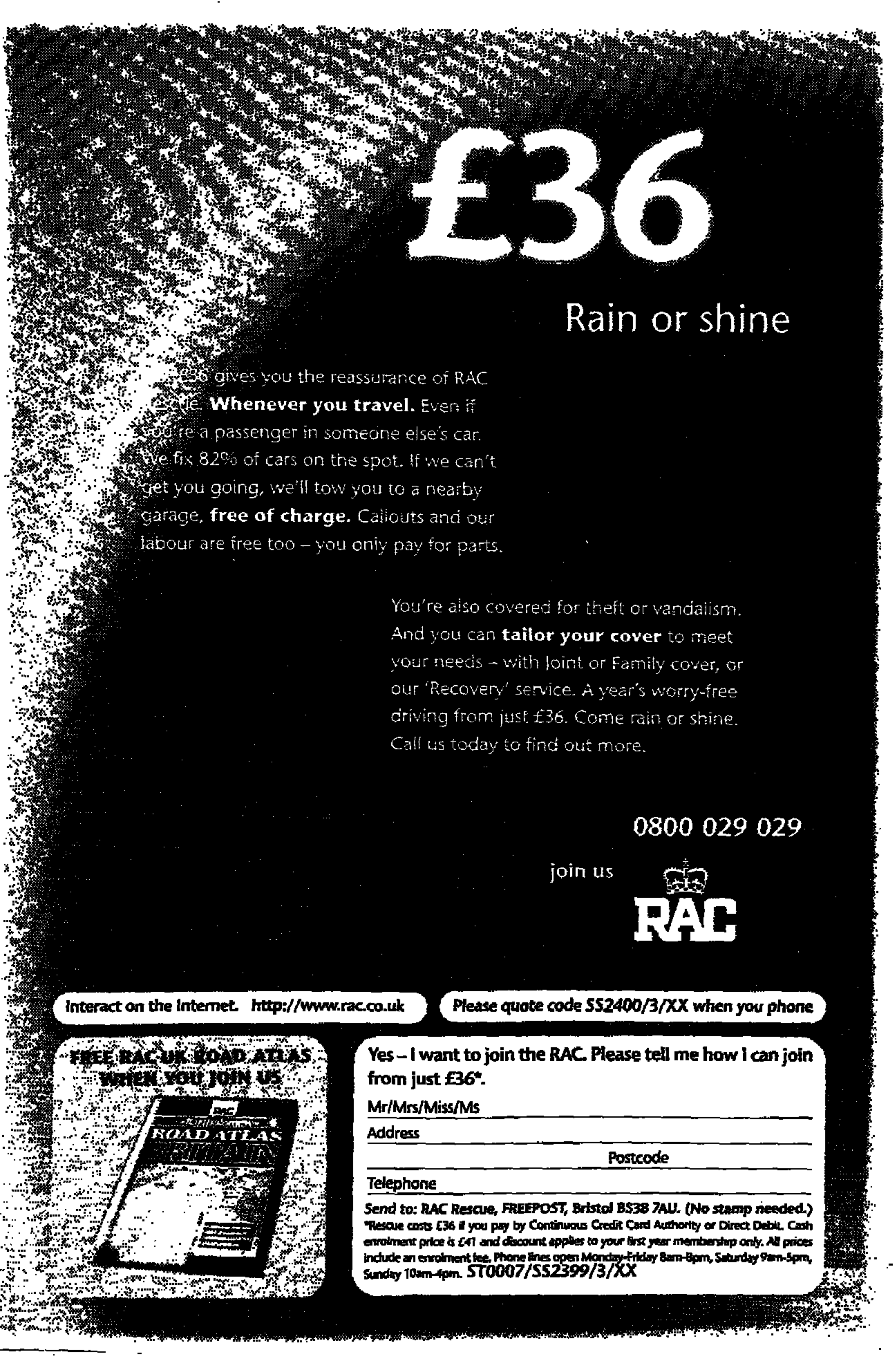
Björn Godal, the Norwegian Foreign *Minister, told the Norwe*gian parliament recently: "Nuclear contamination in Russia and the Eastern European countries represents one of the greatest environmental and security policy challenges we face today."

Some 90 ageing Russian submarines, some of which are in very *poor condition, are now tied up in* the harbours near Murmansk. Mr Godal expressed concern at Russian proposals to tow them to shipyards along the Kola coast which have little experience of their nuclear problems. Norway wants *other countries to help in a plan to* build a specialised vessel to transport the dangerous cargo and radioactive waste to sites on land.

Mr Godal said that these proposals would not aid the Russian military capabilities. There would be regular *inspections to ensure* that the vessel was used only to carry *spent fuel*. More worrying was the possibility that the fuel, which would have to be reprocessed in Russia's only specialised plant at Mayak in Siberia, could fall into the wrong hands. He said extracted uranium and plutonium *could be used for weapons produc*tion, but this did not seem likely. Norway was discussing with Moscow how to stop nuclear smugglers taking enriched uranium to states trying to build nuclear bombs.

After President Yeltsin's visit to Oslo *earlier this year*, Mr Godal said co-operation with Russia was now "proceeding *satisfactorily*" and the two countries have set up seven projects to tackle the most urgent dangers. Norway has set aside 230 million krone (£21.5 million) for a plan of action for 1995-96 and a further 100 million krone *for next year.*

Unstable nuclear power stations are also a big worry, and Norway is pressing for the immediate closure of the two most dangerous in the peninsula. Mr Godal strongly criticised a Russian proposal to reopen *another nuclear plant in Kursk.*



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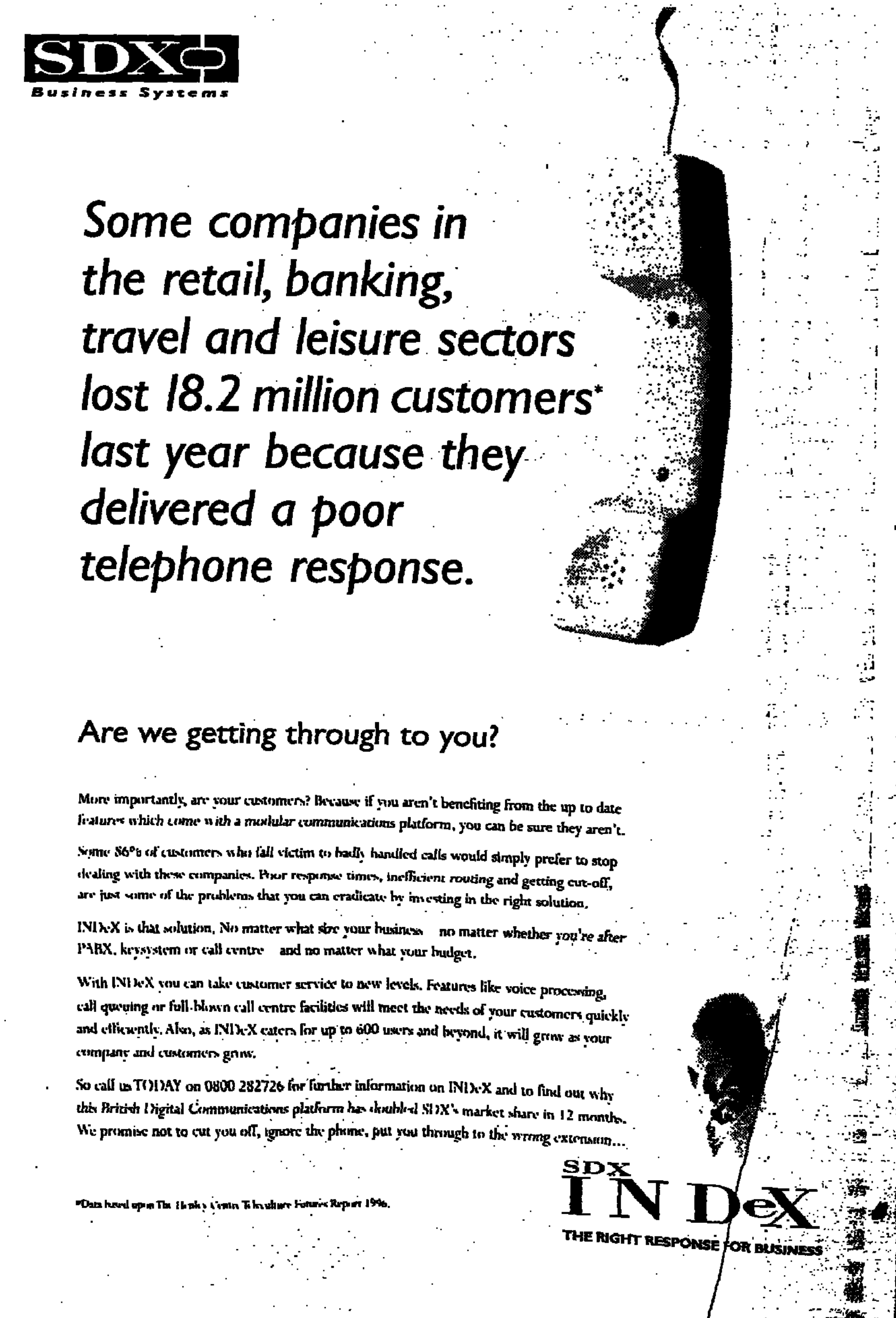

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British mission to wait for checks by RAF spy plane

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE deployment of British troops to Zaire is to be delayed to allow further reconnaissance of the region by an RAF Canberra aircraft.

The plane, equipped with high-resolution cameras, will take off this morning for Zaire from RAF Marham in Norfolk. Speaking in Moscow during a two-day visit, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said that he had been briefed on the findings of a British Army reconnaissance team, which has just returned from Central Africa.

The group was present when some 500,000 Hutus returned to Rwanda over the past few days from Goma in Zaire, although Mr Portillo said that the fate of a huge refugee population near Bukavu was less clear. The Defence Secretary said he intended to launch a campaign to get the message across to Hutus still in Zaire that those who had crossed the border had been allowed home and had not been harmed.

Last night, the 43-man British reconnaissance party, led by Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, advised ministers that more time was needed before troops were sent to the region. One senior Ministry of Defence source, briefed by the team, said: "It would be wrong to rush in before we know more about the situation on the ground."

However, Britain has accepted in principle the responsibility for handling refugees in the Bukavu area at the southern end of Lake Kivu, where it is believed that hundreds of thousands of them are still located. In Goma, north of Lake Kivu, which is to be the American area of operation, all the refugees have either returned or are returning to Rwanda.

The reconnaissance party found it would be possible to send C130 Hercules planes to the airfield at Bukavu and ministers have been advised that a British sector could be set up in the area. The main challenge, the group said, would be to find out whether the alliance of five rebel forces was holding the refugees hostage.

A source close to the reconnaissance party said a local figure called Commander Caesar had said that it would be "mad" to try to take a British platoon into the refugee camp in the Bukavu area. However, Brigadier Thomson is understood to feel confident that well-armed British troops could mount patrols in the area and help the refugees without having to take on the rebel militia.

One source said: "It would be a question of making an offer the rebels couldn't refuse. They would be faced with the sort of armed force that they had never seen in their lives."

The defence sources said that ministers had been offered a military package for Zaire ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 troops, but indicated last night that the force levels would be around the lower number.

□ **Portillo victory:** The Defence Secretary appeared to score a minor diplomatic coup in his meeting yesterday with General Igor Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister, who said later he was reassured that Nato was not a threat to Russian security, a point he has rarely conceded.

However, General Rodionov said that millions of people, particularly Russians, still remained to be convinced of this fact, "just as we have to convince the West that Russia poses no threat to the West".

Exhausted Hutus find little rest

Gisenyi, Rwanda: Huge bottlenecks of exhausted Hutu returnees built up inside Rwanda yesterday.

While the human tide of refugees entering Rwanda from Goma, Zaire, slowed to a trickle, for many Hutus the suffering continued in the homeland they fled in 1994 after their kinsmen committed genocide against minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

Tens of thousands of returning refugees demanding food blocked the streets of Nkamira, 13 miles from the border. Two soldiers stood on guard outside a United Nations transit centre at Nkamira, stopping refugees from entering to have a rest, sleep and receive food as planned by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Rwandan authorities insist that the refugees, exhausted after days of marching and sleeping rough, must keep trudging onwards to their home villages.

A spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross accused Rwandan soldiers of commandeering four of its trucks to ferry refugees out of the crammed border area. *(Reuter)*

PETER ANDREWS

A Rwandan Hutu woman plays with her child on her return home to Rubavu, 12 miles east of Gisenyi

US will not send combat troops

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA has overturned last week's plan to commit combat ground troops to Zaire, and will now send fewer than 1,000 support staff, the Pentagon said yesterday.

William Perry, the Defence Secretary, said that the peaceful return of more than 500,000 refugees to Rwanda over the past few days was "a very positive development" which meant that US combat troops were no longer needed.

The statement marks a sharp scaling-down of US plans for involvement in Zaire. Last Friday, President Clinton announced that America would send 5,000 troops to Zaire and neighbouring countries, including 1,000 combat troops. The President's move, against the advice of the National Security Council, coincided with the White House's formal recognition that US troops would have to prolong their stay in Bosnia.

As Rwandan refugees began returning home from Zaire at the weekend, Republicans in Congress criticised Mr Clinton for his haste in offering US troops.

Mr Perry said in Washington that the US still planned to take part in the military operation to support the voluntary repatriation of refugees to Rwanda. "This force will require considerably fewer troops than originally envisioned and will operate chiefly in Rwanda," he said. "Our current thinking is that the US contribution to this effort will be less than 1,000 troops. And these will be support logistics troops rather than combat troops."

According to the Pentagon, US Air Force teams have already moved into Kigali, the Rwandan capital, Mombasa, in Kenya, and Entebbe, Uganda, to help transport aid and support staff into Rwanda. The first C17 cargo plane left Germany yesterday, loaded with equipment to help Kigali to set up an air traffic control system.

Mr Perry added that while the situation in Central Africa remained fluid, Washington was prepared to send troops to help other military units in Zaire if necessary.

Mr Clinton, who arrived in Sydney yesterday on a three-week tour of Australia and Asia, is urgently seeking a replacement for Mr Perry, who wants to leave the Cabinet for the private sector.

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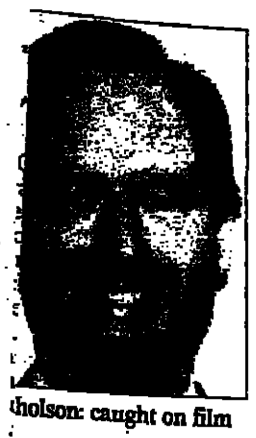
Unveiling of another 'mole' shakes CIA chiefs



tholson: caught on film

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A BELEAGUERED CIA tried to refurbish the tarnished image of American espionage yesterday after it emerged that a senior agent arrested for spying against Washington had first passed secrets to Moscow at the height of the Aldrich Ames case two years ago.

Harold Nicholson, 46, the highest-ranking US agent to be charged with spying for a foreign power, had been taken into custody as he boarded a plane to meet his Russian controllers in Switzerland last weekend. He appeared before a court in Virginia this week charged with selling classified documents, including details about CIA trainees and other personnel, for more than $120,000 (about £75,000) to the Russians.

Although there is no apparent link between Ames, the most damaging "mole" to work at the CIA, and Mr Nicholson, the latest case nevertheless sent shockwaves through the Virginia headquarters at Langley where John Deutch, the director, had claimed personal pride in resurrecting the agency from its darkest hour. Mr Deutch, who hopes to succeed William Perry as Defence Secretary in a new Clinton Administration, made numerous reforms in the top echelons of the CIA after his predecessor, James Woolsey, was forced to resign after the Ames affair.

Ames, now serving a life sentence in prison, received at least £1.3 million from Moscow, sent at least ten allied agents to their deaths and jeopardised more than 100 covert operations in Europe.

Although both Mr Deutch and Louis Freeh, the FBI director, portrayed Mr Nicholson's arrest as proof that America's espionage community had become more alert to the question of moles, the CIA director was forced to concede yesterday that other "sour apples" may still exist within his agency.

The final piece of evidence against Mr Nicholson came last week when a CIA surveillance team recorded him on film kneeling beneath his desk and photographing secret documents with a high-definition briefcase camera requisitioned from the field equipment department. But an investigation of the suspect had been under way for nearly a year. Agents wove a case against him based on answers to lie-detector tests, a pattern of overseas travel unrelated to his work and bank deposits that could not be explained by Mr Nicholson's annual salary of $73,000.

Even so, he was still able to pass on information to his handlers.

In recent weeks, investigators had searched his home, car and mailboxes that they believe he used to send postcards with cryptic messages. One card of the US Capitol dated August 1 was addressed "Hello Old Friend" and suggested a "ski holiday" on November 23 and 24. Signed by Nevil Strachey, the card is thought to have been a signal for a meeting with the Russians on the two dates. It bore the postscript: "The snow should be fine by then."

Germany jails Palestinian for 1977 hijack

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

RMANY yesterday closed loody chapter of its postwar lory by jailing for 12 years a ner Palestinian terrorist the 1977 hijacking of a thansa jet and the murder ts pilot.

ouhaila Andrawes, 43, ke down in tears when the mburg judges read out the dict and rejected her de ice that she did not person y pull the trigger on the ot, Jürgen Schumann.

A Palestinian group hi ked the plane to Mogadi u, the capital of Somalia, to it pressure on the German overnment to free 11 jailed embers of the Red Army ction. The plane was ormed by a German unter-terrorist unit accom anied by two members of the ritish SAS. All the hijackers ere killed apart from ndrawes, who was wounded the leg. The 86 hostages ere freed unharmed.

An ITV documentary to be hown next month has rought together Andrawes and the widow of the pilot. The encounter, shortly before the former terrorist was extradited from Oslo to Germany, was a classic attempt to bridge the gap between victim and criminal. Andrawes made clear that while she regretted the killing of the pilot, she saw herself both as a victim and as a heroine for the Palestinian cause.

Survivors of the hijack remember Andrawes not as a restraining influence on the other terrorists, but rather as one of the most brutal. She is recalled as the woman "with the grenades always shouting and screaming at us". As the pilot was shot, she stood by eating an apple with one hand and holding a grenade in the other.

Andrawes was sentenced to 20 years in a Somali prison but was released because of ill-health after a year and returned home to Beirut. She then moved around the world and in 1992 was allowed to settle in Norway. By that time the German authorities had unravelled much of the Red Army Faction network, with the help of ex-terrorists caught in former East Germany, and had enough evidence to justify an extradition request.

Her lawyers argued that she had already been punished but the German authorities were insistent that she had not been brought to book properly. The sentencing seems to have satisfied a longing for justice in Germany. The Mogadishu hijack, with all its associated events, such as the suicide of three jailed German terrorists including Andreas Baader, and the killing of the head of German industry, Hanns-Martin Schleyer, left a deep scar which has never fully healed.

☐ **Iran protest:** Security was stepped up at the German Embassy in Tehran yesterday as protesters again demonstrated against what they called a "den of spies". Relations have been soured by the trial in Berlin of men accused of murdering three Kurdish opposition leaders, allegedly acting under orders from Iran's secret service.

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Souhaila Andrawes, a former Palestinian terrorist, is comforted by her lawyer before sentencing in Hamburg yesterday

Britain backs Boutros Ghali

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN sided with Boutros Boutros Ghali against the United States yesterday as Washington formally vetoed the United Nations Secretary-General's hopes of a second term.

The Americans stood alone as the other members of the 15-nation UN Security Council voted in favour of recommending Dr Boutros Ghali for another five-year term.

US diplomats expressed disappointment and said it was essential to find a new UN chief able restore the confidence of the US Congress in the world organisation. The Clinton Administration owes $1.4 billion (more than £840 million) in UN dues and can only pay the arrears if the Republican-controlled Congress appropriates the money.

Britain initially opposed Dr Boutros Ghali's appointment as Secretary-General at the end of 1991 and had several disputes with him over Bosnia in the first half of his term. But relations improved as he yielded to European pressure for a UN peacekeeping force in the Balkans.

"Britain thinks he has done a conscientious and competent job," said Sir John Weston, Britain's representative.

African countries met after the vote to discuss their next step and were likely to propose new African candidates in line with an understanding that preference should be given to an African.

Moscow to roll out red carpet for Jewish dissident who made good

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

NATAN SHARANSKY, the best-known former Soviet Jewish refusenik, will return early next week to Russia to a red-carpet welcome. His visit, ten years after he was freed after serving nine years of a 13-year sentence on trumped-up charges of being a CIA spy, signifies how relations between the two countries have been transformed.

In his new role as Israeli Minister of Trade and Industry, and leader of a successful party for former Soviet immigrants in the Jewish state, he will lead more than 80 Israelis who are set on improving trade and diplomatic relations with Moscow.

Mr Sharansky, 48, will be accompanied on the emotional week-long trip to Moscow and St Petersburg by his mother and his wife, Avital, whose tireless campaign for his freedom turned him into an international symbol of the struggle against totalitarianism in the 1980s.

Mrs Sharansky was expelled one day after their marriage in 1974. Later, at his trial, Mr Sharansky shouted defiantly "Next year in Jerusalem" before being led away.

Roman Polonsky, one of 700,000 new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and chief spokesman for the ministry, said Mr Sharansky had requested permission to visit Lefortovo prison in Moscow, where he spent a year and a half in solitary confinement before his trial. "The Russian authorities have not yet informed us whether they will allow that visit," he said.

Mr Sharansky has vowed to use his influence to improve the status of former Soviet immigrants to Israel and persuade another million to emigrate and transform the character and economy of Israel.

Sex files go to MPs in Belgium

Brussels: The Belgian parliament yesterday opened an inquiry into paedophile allegations against Elio Di Rupo, the Deputy Prime Minister (Charles Bremner writes). Similar steps were taken by two regional assemblies in the case of Jean-Pierre Grafé, a minister in Wallonia.

Brussels prosecutors handed parliament two files containing allegations that the ministers had engaged in homosexual acts with under-age boys.

Promotion for Bucharest mayor

Bucharest: Victor Ciorbea, the man who beat former the former tennis star, Ilie Nastase, in elections for Mayor of Bucharest has been appointed Romania's Prime Minister. Mr Ciorbea, 42, a former trade unionist, gained a reputation for efficiency and incorruptibility in his administration of the capital. *(AP)*

Chiluba on way to Zambia win

Lusaka: President Chiluba *and his ruling Movement* for Multiparty Democracy appear to be on their way to a landslide victory in Zambia's general elections (Jan Raath writes). A surprisingly high turnout promises a parliament with only token opposition.

Greece will miss EMU first round

Athens: Greece will not be in the first batch of states to join economic and monetary union (EMU) in 1999 and will struggle to make the second round, Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, said. He was speaking after a Cabinet meeting on the 1997 budget. *(AP)*

Broken home

Sarajevo: A domestic dispute in the Bosnian town of Bijelina reached an explosive climax when a Serb man fired a bazooka at his wife. He missed and severely damaged their home. *(AP)*

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Hobart court told how killer laughed as 35 victims died

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE gunman accused of the world's worst civilian shooting grinned and laughed as he slaughtered 35 people in Tasmania, a Hobart court was told yesterday.

The court also heard that he deliberately sought out a six-year-old girl hiding behind a tree who he then shot at point-blank range in the back of the neck.

Martin Bryant, who has pleaded guilty to 72 charges arising from last April's massacre at the former penal colony of Port Arthur, approached little Alannah Mikac after murdering her mother, Nanette, and her three-year-old sister, Madeline. Then he calmly pushed the muzzle of the gun into her neck and pulled the trigger, Damian Bugg, the Director of Public Prosecutions, told the court.

Tasmania's Supreme Court was also told how an unnamed survivor watched Bryant, 29, open fire on customers in the Broad Arrow café.

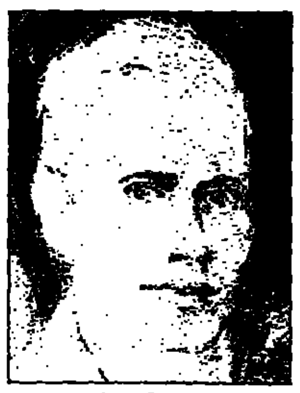
"He appeared to be laughing in an aggressive way rather than an amused way," Mr Bugg said. "He said Bryant walked from table to table shooting people in the head."

Earlier Bryant, whose long blond hair had been cut short for the court appearance, covered his face as the Crown prosecutor asked that he be given a life sentence with no possibility of release. At times he glanced up at the public gallery where many of the victims' families sat.

Mr Bugg said that Bryant began building up his supply of ammunition and weapons over several months before the massacre, even hiding his semi-automatic guns in a piano in his house.

"Clearly at that particular time he intended to embark upon his murderous and violent conduct at Port Arthur," Mr Bugg said. The massacre had an "air of pre-planning".

After Bryant shot his first victims, an elderly couple who ran the small Seascape guest house just outside the Port Arthur site, he made his way to the Broad Arrow café.



An artist's impression of Martin Bryant

Witnesses said that at first they thought it was a historical re-enactment. Then Bryant opened fire with his semi-automatic weapon, laughing at his victims as they tried to dive for cover under tables.

Fifteen seconds later 12 people were dead. A minute later a further eight were killed.

The court was also shown a one-minute video shot by an American tourist who was at the scene of the tragedy shortly after Bryant had left the café. Filmed from 100 yards away, Bryant was seen shooting at the camera at times and following his victims around with his gun pointed in their direction. While watching the video from the dock, Bryant grinned but at times looked uneasy.

Mr Bugg said Bryant gave no indication of his intentions when he had dinner with his mother and girlfriend in Hobart the previous evening.

The following morning he stopped and spoke to several people at a shop and petrol station when he drove from Hobart to Port Arthur. Two of the witnesses who spoke to him asked him if he was going surfing.

"No. I am going to the island of the dead to get rid of some Wasps," he reportedly said.

The judge is expected to sentence Bryant tomorrow.

Survivor Walter Mikac with his wife Nanette, their three-year-old daughter, Madeline, and six-year-old Alannah, all Bryant's victims. Alannah was killed by a shot in the head

Blow to Hindu as court permit beauty pageant

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Miss World beauty pageant was given the go-ahead by an Indian court yesterday, on condition that there is no "indecent exposure of the bodies of participants amounting to obscenity and nudity".

It was a defeat for Hindu nationalists, who are threatening to use violence to halt the event, due to be televised globally on Saturday.

The increasingly militant Hindutva (Hinduness) movement is gaining strength as a backlash against liberal trends and Western influences that are bringing rapid changes to conservative rural India, where nearly 80 per cent of the population live. The movement gained notoriety last month after a mob destroyed works by Maqbool Husain, India's most celebrated living artist, who is a Muslim.

The violent trend is fuelled by the state government of Maharashtra, India's richest region, where Hindu nationalists are in power. Mr Husain faces possible legal action by the state for depicting several Hindu goddesses in the nude, and police have charged him with inciting hatred. A 20-year-old drawing of Saraswati, goddess of knowledge and the arts, without clothes has become the focus of Hindu outrage. Mr Husain, 81, called it "just a scribble".

Throughout his career he has used Hindu iconography to make his work accessible to wide audiences. Some of his best-known paintings depict scenes from the Ramay and Mahabharata epics he has produced many tures of popular deities. cluding Ganesh. Hunu and Durga. Effigies of artist have been burnt dozens of his works destroy

Bajrang Dal, an umbr organisation for militant H du groups, is leading attack on Mr Husain's wo "No Muslim has the righ portray our deities any way wishes," said Jaibhan Sin Paiwa, its leader.

He claims Mr Husain part of an international c spiracy to spread Weste culture to India and is manding that all "objectio able" paintings should submerged in the River Ga ges, holy to Hindus.

"Let the scholars and t historians and the experts together and decide wheth this is objectionable or not Mr Husain said. "If . . . such panel finds my paintings o jectionable, I'll be the first light a bonfire and bur everything."

Indian artists mounte widespread demonstration last month after an exhibitio of Mr Husain's paintings i Ahmedabad, valued at mor than £250,000, was destroye by a Hindu mob carryin tridents, the symbol of the go Shiva. A procession of artist in Bangalore shouted slogans against attempts by Hindu fundamentalists to censor ar and there were protest marches in Delhi and Calcutta.

Israeli grooms hit credit hitch

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESS IN JERUSALEM

AN ISRAELI rabbi has issued a decree warning grooms who buy wedding rings with a credit card that their marriages might be invalid.

The ruling by Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, a leading authority in the Sephardic community of Middle Eastern Jews, came after a man in northern Israel was nearly forced to remarry his bride because he bought her ring on credit. According to Jewish law, a groom must own the wedding ring at the time of his marriage. But when the ring is purchased with a credit card, it remains the property of the seller until the debt is cleared.

In the case of the unidentified couple in northern Israel, they discovered after their wedding that a banking error had delayed payment for their ring. The couple went to Rabbi Eliyahu for a ruling on the matter and he decreed that since the delay in paying the debt was the bank's fault, their marriage remained valid.

But he went on to issue a ruling warning grooms not to buy wedding rings with credit cards unless they are certain that the payment will be completed before their marriage ceremony. "You cannot legally wed a woman with a ring that does not legally belong to you," he wrote.

☐ **Dubai:** The United Arab Emirates plans to ban its men from marrying non-Arab women to shield society from the "negative influences of mixed marriages", an official said yesterday. Oman, Saudi Arabia and Qatar have in recent years imposed similar restrictions. *(Reuter)*

Earthquakes rock China and India

Peking: A powerful earthquake, measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale, rocked a sparsely populated mountainous area in northwest China yesterday, but there were no reports of casualties.

The quake struck the Karakorum mountain area in Xinjiang province, 2,000 miles west of Peking, and was felt in nearby towns and counties, the official Xinhua news agency said. Walls of houses were cracked.

In India yesterday, a moderate earthquake, the third in 48 hours in the west and north, shook Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state. Police and state authorities said there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

Earlier yesterday, an earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale struck the northeastern state of Assam. Late on Sunday, a earthquake which also measured 4.8 struck the western Indian state of Gujarat. *(Reuter, AP)*

Bhutto power appeal rejected

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

BENAZIR BHUTTO, the deposed Prime Minister of Pakistan, suffered a setback yesterday in her legal battle to restore her Government to power. The Supreme Court rejected her petition, challenging her dismissal by President Leghari, as containing irrelevant, objectionable and scandalous material.

Yesterday, police arrested her political secretary, Nahid Khan, as the caretaker Government launched a crackdown on senior officials of the ousted Prime Minister. Miss Khan, one of Miss Bhutto's closest aides, was arrested at Islamabad airport after she arrived from Karachi accompanying Miss Bhutto. Police said she had been detained under the maintenance of public order law.

An angry Miss Bhutto accused the caretaker Government of using fascist methods to crush her supporters.

Seven top officials of her Government, including Ahmed Sadiq, former principal secretary, Azhar Sohail, media adviser, and Masood Sharif, intelligence chief, were also arrested this week. Sources in the new Government said they were involved in serious charges of corruption and abuse of power. Miss Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, is already under detention.

The latest move against Miss Bhutto's allies came after the promulgation of a new law by President Leghari. It provides for the disqualification from public office of politicians involved in corruption and abuse of power. They also face a seven-year jail term.

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The winter's great wrap-up

Long and lean or short and slim – now is the time to concentrate on the coat, says Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**

Just when you thought you knew how to get dressed in the morning, along comes a designer telling you it is all wrong. This year designers are as affronted by the jacket as Lady Bracknell was by the notorious handbag.

"A jacket? *A jacket!*" one can hear them screeching across the cutting tables. "Who on earth is going to wear a jacket?" Well, quite a few of us are, given half a chance. After all, we have grown up with the idea — fed to us by the fashion cognoscenti — that all we needed was one good jacket to see us stylishly through the winter.

Now designers have taken a collective decision to dispense with the jacket and instead to treat the coat as an integral part of an outfit, rather than an outer layer to be discarded on coming indoors.

The result has been a confusing choice of coat styles, each creating a particular silhouette but without necessarily accommodating the rest of your wardrobe.

One solution is to buy a coat that makes a statement in itself, and then fit everything else around it. "I've invested in a black shearling Gucci coat, and I'm so in love with it, I'm wearing it no matter what the temperature or what's appropriate," says Kate Reardon, fashion director of *Tatler*.

But then, she admits, she never did like jackets. "I used to try and wear them, rather unsuccessfully, and I'm deeply relieved that they're no longer the vital piece in the wardrobe."

From the bewildering variety of shapes and forms shown *on the catwalks and now* available in the high street, four main silhouettes emerge: long and lean; belted 1970s-style coats, often in suede or *leather*; *knee-length fitted* "suit coats"; and knee-length furs.

Of these, the "suit coat" *is the safest* alternative to the jacket. The narrower it is, the more like a jacket it will look as you stride into a business meeting. Look for lightweight gaberdines or fine wools, depending on how warm you want it to be. A coat and skirt in stone, teamed with a fawn shirt or sweater, can also look very suave.

But the short, slim coat can be restrictive. It looks fabulous with slim-leg trousers and excellent with knee-length skirts and dresses. But team it with a below-the-knee skirt of any description and the whole look falls apart.

Those who have bought maxi-coats, on the other hand, report a practical problem with stairs. Descending, *the* hem trails down the steps, picking up *a layer of dirt*. Ascending, especially with heavy bags, can simply be very awkward.

If you are committed to minimalism, *however, then* the long, lean shape is the best bet. You can team it with anything — so long as there is only one layer. Bear in mind that if the coat *has a deep V*-neck, you will have to co-ordinate what goes underneath. Either that, or resort to one of this season's long woolly scarves *as a* strategic cover-up.

The warmest option, for those who have to brave the already wintry weather, is probably a really *good fake fur* coat. Look for wide lapels or large shawl collars, loud animal prints such as those at Dolce & Gabbana or, for a dash of Gucci style, put a dark *fake fur against white*.

Belted suedes and leathers can be worn with most things — but will not withstand a heavy downpour. Go for a *slim leather design and you* will evoke the cool of 1930s Berlin. But beware — opt for something in suede with a *shaggy* afghan trim and the effect may be more 1970s sitcom.

Which brings us to colour: browns, fawns, greys and *khakis* are the replacements for black. But if you find these dull and you're confident that you can colour-co-ordinate, then there are also strong shades of blue and pink around.

Finally there is the limousine lifestyle option: pure white. Great on the catwalk, possibly not so good on the sidewalk.

Above left: Suede afghan, £780 by Joseph, Sloane Street, London SW1. Denim mini, £39.99 by Morgan, Barker's Arcade, London W8. Swirl shirt, £90 by Katharine Hamnett, Harrods Way-In, London SW1. Tights, £3.99 at Fenwicks, New Bond Street, London W1. suede boots, £49.99 by Shelley's, Regent Street, London W1.

Above centre: Turquoise single breasted princess coat, £93.50 by La Redoute mail order, tel 0500-777 777. Check silk shirt, £95 by Whistles, St. Christopher's Place, London W1. Mulberry velvet trousers, £69 at *Fenwicks, New Bond Street.*

Above right: Greatcoat, £179 at Fenwicks. Brown and beige check trousers, £70 by French Connection, Long Acre, London WC2. Olive poloneck, £55 by Morgan. Mock croc chain belt, £65 at Fenwicks.

Photographer: Steve Poole. Styled by Deborah Brett; hair and make-up by Helen Bannon; model, Kat at Boss Models

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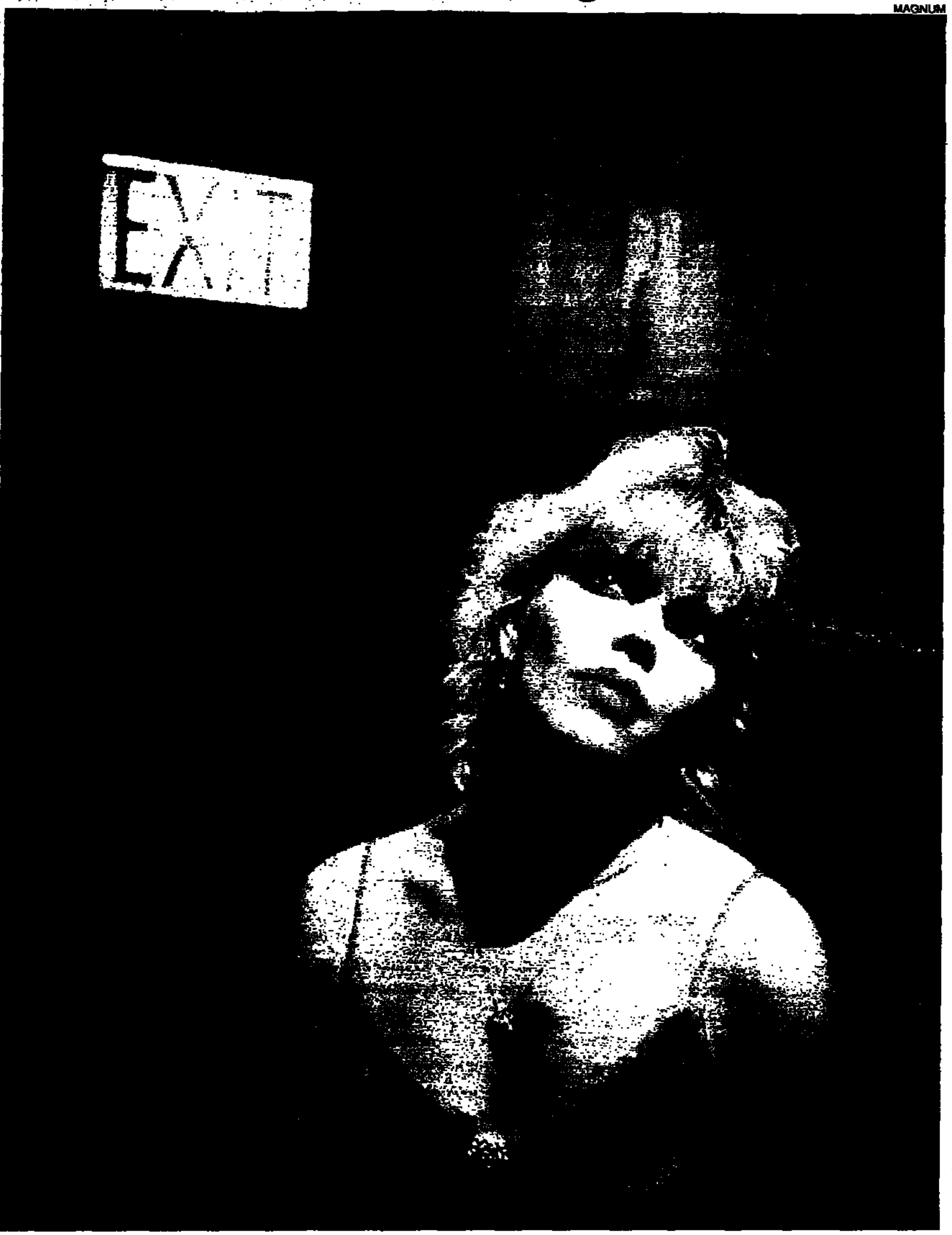
Nobody has a good time in New York any more

A bra strap-snapping hero has emerged to save a city that has become cautious, sober, air-conditioned and user-friendly. **Quentin Letts** reports



A clubber has a good time at the Ritz, but good times are dying out fast in a city that is now detoxed and taste-free

Manhattan's harried, haggard fortysomethings have a revolutionary new role model. It is not a Colgate-glinting yuppie with cellular telephone and freshly ironed Brooks Brothers shirt. Nor, for once, is it some tanned geek on an exercise bike at the local gym, flexing her pecs.

The new role model is not even young. He is a hoary, bra strap-snapping, 60-year-old goat of a man who, for 4½ days a week, toils in a New York newspaper office until, on Friday afternoons, he goes off for what the great Jilly Cooper would call a "really good bonk". His partner in this sport is a pneumatic young broad whom he met at a cocktail party. Hours later our champion returns to the office, face pink as a slapped bottom, full of cheer and addressing everyone as "captain".

The man, sadly anonymous, appears in an explosive essay in this week's *New Yorker* magazine. Its author, James Atlas, has asked the question nobody in this city has dared to ask for too long: "When was the last time you did something just for the hell of it?" The article is titled *The Fall of Fun* and in it Mr Atlas, 47, describes the cautious, sober, detoxed, taste-free, unleaded, low-fat, air-conditioned, user-friendly, space-respecting ball of tension that New York life has become.

In such a world, Mr Atlas's essay is an act of courage. He reports the self-restraints that the Manhattan élite now imposes, a moral equivalent of car seat-belts. Mr Atlas has lifted a mirror to the face of America's Baby Boomers and the reflection it carries is one of a generation that is newly puritanical, "anhedonic".

At a spring literary party in Manhattan's leafy Gramercy Park, he found himself eyeing up a "pillow-lipped publicist in a short leather skirt". By his third glass of champagne he was fingering a desire to stay longer and chat up the girl. The alternative was to do the expected thing and leave at 8.10pm to head home, see the children before they went to bed and have a dull supper with his dear wife. Alas, Mr Atlas did the expected thing, but it was with a heavy heart and the realisation that his generation has lost the plot.

The symbolic representation of Nineties New York, he notes, should be "a series of red circles, each with a line through it: No Smoking, No Drinking, No Sex, No Fun". He laments: "It isn't this way in Europe, where business is a form of socialising, not the other way round." He repeats the regretful observation that those of us who ARE European have sometimes made but which Americans find irresponsible, that the art of a languid lunch in New York is dead.

"Where are the disastrous miscalculations, the squandered opportunities, the wrong turns that made life so picaresque and hairy?" he asks. "Nobody quits a job any more after hurling an inkwell at the boss." Melik Kaylan, 39, a writer and social observer in Manhattan, read the Atlas article like a man consuming an iced pilsner in Alexandria. New York, Kaylan agrees, has become a place where one can no longer afford to err. "In the old days, it was the little old lady next door with the twitching curtain who disapproved of you. Now it is your friends," he says.

> 'When was the last time you did anything for fun?'

Mr Atlas's complaint refers specifically to the city's intellectuals, the authors, poets and creative people for whom gluttony, drunkenness and sloth were once *de rigueur*. In Nineties New York those vices are absent, along with any behaviour that is lubricious or somehow spotty (although greed is OK). "People who have too good a time are seen as a liability by their peers," says Mr Kaylan.

Political correctness may seem too easy a target, but one must not underestimate the debilitating effect of a creed which has banished vivid colours from the city's social canvas. No middle class New Yorker speaks in blue these days. Where are the bustiers and the Cuban heels, the salacious winks, salty jokes and raspberry laughs?

America has become a place where a nonagenarian like Senator Strom Thurmond can be accused of impropriety for goosing a pretty woman in a lift. Impropriety? It should be hailed as a miracle that old Strom still has some gas in his tank.

Hack writers no longer earn their beer money by selling review copies of novels at secondhand book shops. These days they have six figure Hollywood deals. Few people even seem to have time to read books any more, so frantic are they in their effort to lead lives that have sprung from the pages of the Sunday colour supplement. Even on their holidays (two weeks a year, maximum) these ghastly robots itch to self-improve.

Mr Atlas's article may have echoes of a male mid-life crisis. Nor is he the first to wail that "fings ain't wot they used to be". He bangs on about the good old Sixties with LSD and a Freak Brothers-style VW minibus; but we have had the corpses of Jerry Garcia and Timothy Leary for that.

However. His *New Yorker* article may be the most surprising, refreshing piece of Manhattan commentary this year.

It has broken a vital rule. If you belong to the pleasure-deprived tribe he describes, the last thing you should do is to confess to the world that you are having a thoroughly miserable time. But Mr Atlas has stripped away a lie. Perhaps next time he goes to a spring drinks party and meets a pillow-lipped publicist he will follow the example of the lusty old bra strap-snapper. Perhaps he will give life a darned good twang.

Sick of mixing

Forget the political jargon of the Patient's Charter, mixed-sex wards are just another money-saver

Nigella Lawson

All doctors know that the Patient's Charter has made life harder for them, but what the patients don't seem to realise is that it makes it worse for them, too. All these charters do is offer a conduit for people's concerns; they do absolutely nothing to allay them. They are thus nothing short of a brilliant device for making everyone feel hard done by.

Take the Patient's Charter approach to mixed-sex wards. It, or rather the Department of Health, recognises that these are unpopular with the public. So what is to be done? Not get rid of them — that costs money. Instead, we are pandered to by being given the *right to be told in advance* if we are to be admitted to a mixed-sex ward. We might have no choice in the matter thereafter, but a right's a right, isn't it, and how can it therefore be wrong?

This is nonsense, of course. But so potent is the contemporary language of *rights that it drowns out* more gentle reasoning. And what is at stake here — a person's wish to insist on (rather than resist) sex segregation — has no less fallen foul of the modern orthodoxy. Sex segregation wherever it occurs must be a Bad Thing, so the thinking goes, and those who champion it are at best old-fashioned and irrelevant, at worst reactionary and downright sexist. The real reason for mixed-sex wards is financial — but it helps that there is the pseudo-political patter to go with it.

Now, nobody is arguing that this would matter in an emergency. All we want then is to be treated as fast and as effectively as possible — and it doesn't, frankly, matter if there is someone from a different solar system in the next bed, let alone of a different sex. But because that holds true, we are made to feel as if we're being petty, hung-up on trifles if we say that in other circumstances we mind having to be treated in a mixed-sex ward.

But people do mind. I doubt the Patient's Association is putting it too strongly when it declares that a mixed-sex ward is "an affront to privacy and dignity". (These days, those very terms seem almost quaint: but what does that say itself?) Those who think the fuss is silly beyond belief are being remarkably silly themselves. You cannot just wave away such concerns as irrelevant when they are so sincerely, anxiously held.

I suspect that most of the people who object are older, *but that doesn't make it a* marginal complaint. All people, of whatever age, are at their frailest and most vulnerable when they are in hospital, and it cannot help their treatment if their stay *there increases that sense of* vulnerability. This may not be one to go to the barricades for, but it is worth taking seriously.

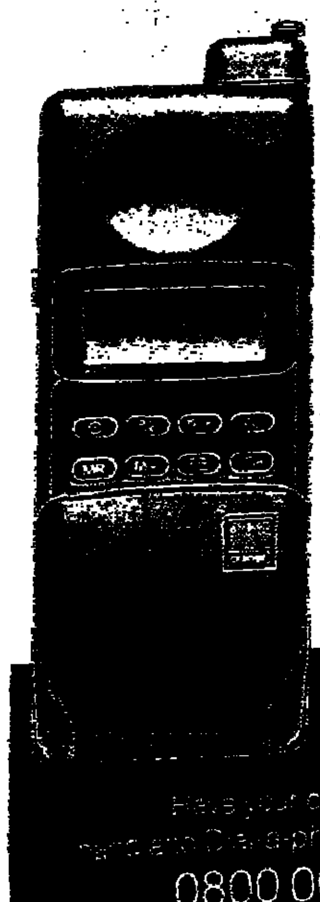
What is behind the confusion about whether it matters is a confusion — a very modern confusion — about the sexes and the differences between them. On the one hand, contemporary wisdom holds that any distinctions made between the sexes are abhorrent and at best conditioned by a culture obsessed with sexual stereotypes: on the other, we are obsessed with a Seventies sitcom view of a battle between the sexes, concerning who's better, more moral, superior, inferior.

And then — just to complicate matters — there is the confusion about sex itself. Our culture is bombarded with sexual images, but remarkably innocent about the primitive power of sexual feelings. Women, understandably riled by years of being described only in terms of their sexual attractiveness to men, idiotically chant the mantra about caring about their appearance for themselves alone. Narcissism — the wearisome preserve of the I-wear-this-microskirt-for-myself brigade — is applauded, but wishing to be attractive to the opposite sex is deemed downright despicable, castigated as victim behaviour.

But if women mind lying about in their nighties, being attended to medically, while a man is in the bed next door, it is because it *offends their sexual vanity*. None of us feels any better for being seen at our worst. I suspect men mind the mixed-sex ward slightly less, if only because men's sexual confidence seems to hold up rather better than women's. And of course, they already have the nurses around.

I shouldn't be surprised if men prefered mixed-sex wards. After all, men are used to being surrounded by women when they are ill; and they are prepared to show weakness in front of women in a way they would hate to in front of other men. I think it is different for women: we tend to feel we have to be stronger, better, when there are men around. *Men need women to be all* these things, and we take it to heart.

Historically, it is true that segregation has generally been the way the powerful excluded the less powerful. But while we should be alert to pernicious discrimination, we shouldn't deny that sometimes segregation between the sexes can be mutually desired, perhaps even beneficial. And some of the arguments against fail to convince. For people to want to spend some time in the company of their own sex is not the same thing as demanding the right to spend time with people of the same race. Sophists might dissallow the distinction, but the rest of us can tell the difference easily enough.



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Alan Coren

I need assistance. And if I don't get it, I may sulk and suck my thumb

I lay in bed this morning, trying to work out what I needed, and by the time I got up at half-past nine, I had worked out exactly what I needed. I needed somebody to get me up before half-past nine.

Most mornings, I do not even lie there working things out. I just lie there. Every morning, Mr and Mrs Coren wake up at 7.15, one of them goes off to work at 8, and the other one just lies there, because when he goes off to work, he goes off to it in the loft, and since he doesn't have to go at any particular time, he just lies there. After a couple of hours, he plods downstairs and wonders whether to make himself a cooked breakfast. He would like a cooked breakfast, it would do him good, it would set him up for the day, it would send him bounding into the loft, but he cannot be bothered to cook it, so he stares out of the window for an hour wondering whether to go for a walk round the park instead, it would do him good, it would set him up for the day, it would send him bounding into the loft. But he lives a mile from the park, if he walked to it he would not have the energy left to walk round it; he would have to drive to it, but if he drove to it he would have to leave his car outside it, and when he got back he would find a ticket under his wiper, and a clamp on his wheel, and a gap where his radio used to be.

But if he had someone to get him out of bed at 8.30, the someone could not only make him a cooked breakfast, porridge, boiled eggs, soldiers, but also drive him to the park, wait, and after his walk tell him it was now time to be a good boy and go to the loft and get on with his work.

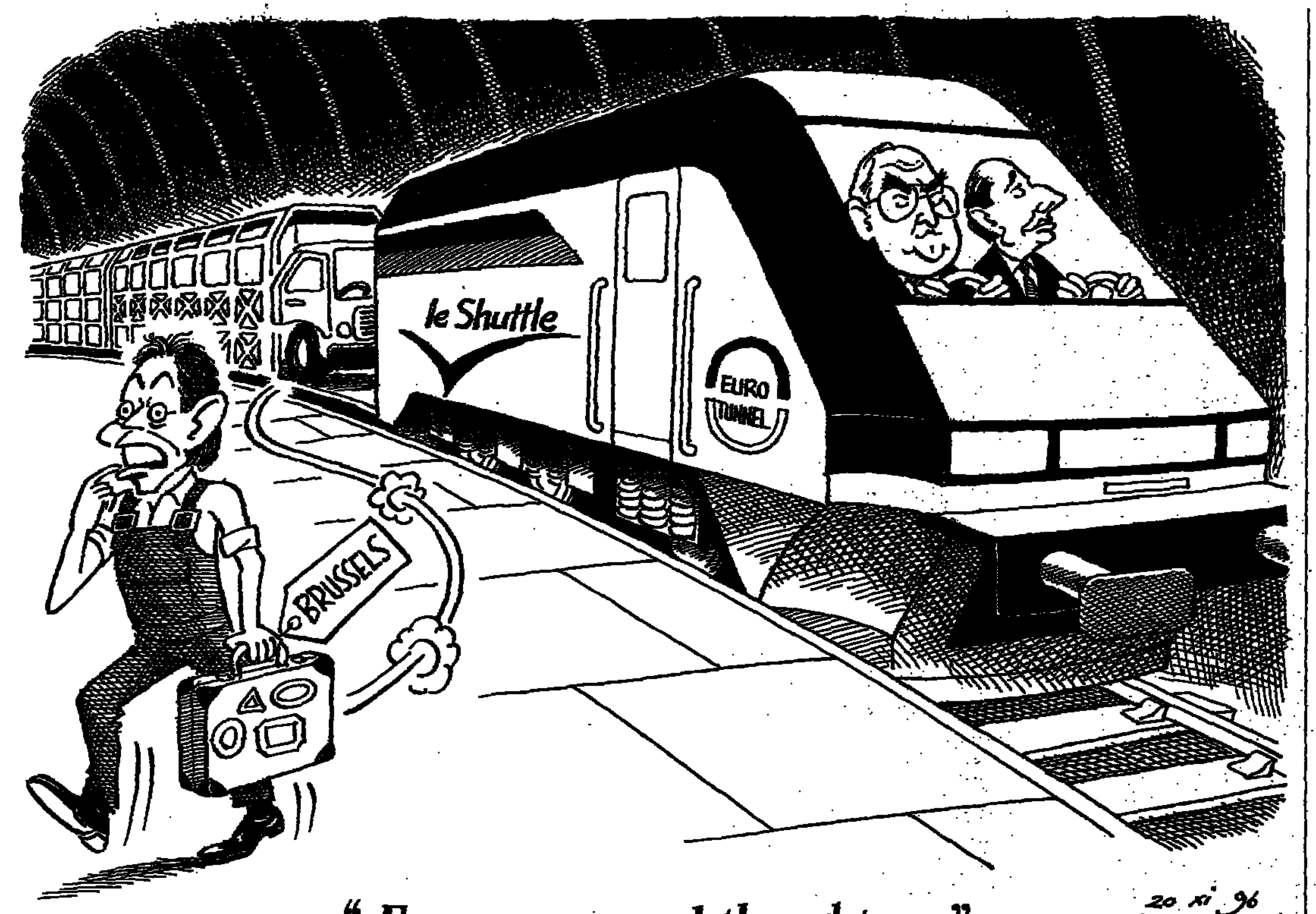
Yes, that is what I finally worked out this morning. I need a nanny. A nanny is the only cure not merely for the indolence of the solitary hack, but for the habits even worse than indolence which indolence generates. Like smoking too much. I cannot cut down alone, I need someone to cry: "Take that filthy thing out of your mouth!" Like drinking too much. I cannot cut down alone, I need someone with the sideboard-key in her pinny and a tablespoon in her hand, who, once a day, would poke a small Glenlivet into my mouth. Unless, that is, she had caught me watching television too much: I cannot cut down alone, I have a set in the loft, I watch *Neighbours*, I watch *Countdown*, I watch *Sesame Street*, I need someone to cry: "Just half an hour a day, my little man, or it's no whisky for you!"

Also: "Time for your 40 winks!" I need someone to cry that, too. Most afternoons, I rack up 500 winks, minimum, cheek on the desk, knuckles on the floor (especially after four fingers of Scotch and a large *Blue Peter*), but I cannot cut down alone. I need someone to bound into the loft, preferably with a glass of Tizer and a couple of HobNobs, and shake me, and tell me to sit up straight, because it is time to get back to work. And I would not complain about that work, I would not swear or kick the computer or decide to chuck it all in and retrain as a rag-and-bone man, because, if I did, Nanny would wash my mouth out with Lifebuoy and make me stand in the corner until it was time for my bath.

I really need someone at bathtime. I need someone to bath me, and make me all nice before Mrs Coren gets home. If I bath myself, the odds are that when Mrs Coren gets home, she will find me, thanks to the empty glass on the floor, having 500 winks in it, prune-shrivelled, surrounded by bobbing dog-ends, chill to the touch, and thus as far from all nice as it is possible to get. How much more pleasing for Mrs Coren to turn her key in the lock and hear the cry: "He's all ready, Madame!" and see me tripping down the stairs, ears spotless, hair brushed, teeth flossed, and — because I have been such a good boy — allowed to play with her until it was time to go to bed, or even vice-versa.

Leaving only the matter of catching up on my reading. I do not do enough, it is tricky holding a big book when you are also holding a big glass and a big cigar, two pages and I throw in the towel, what joy to be tucked in by a qualified tucker who would then lilt a chapter or two of Rushdie until my lids drooped Nodwards. Having to knock off a preliminary vesper is a small price to pay.

God bless Nanny, I know that's right. Time to put an ad in *The Lady*.



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In league with ignorance

Tables disguise failure, distort study, degrade teachers and mislead parents

Simon Jenkins

Today *The Times* publishes a survey that will delight some schools throughout England and Wales, and dismay and demoralise many. It is the annual secondary school league table. Since strong schools need no state encouragement, we must assume that the collation and publication of this material is justified as a goad to the weak. The cheapest way to improve the education of all is by the public humiliation of failure.

The cult of the league table is driving British bureaucracy close to hysteria. There are league tables of hospital deaths, police responses, academic output, cervical cancers, benefit fraud, court occupancy, beach cleansing, rent collecting and local council efficiency. There are league tables of cities and countries, most based on surveys and statistics that are daft beyond belief. The richest "countries" turn out to be cities, such as Singapore, Hong Kong and Luxembourg — by which token London is the richest of all.

Some of these tables have curiosity value. They pander to the public's fascination with a horse race or a song contest. Most are like the potions of 18th-century quacks. They are offered as a cure for a supposed illness and validated by spurious statistics. School league tables were pioneered by broadsheet newspapers after the standardisation of university entry in the 1980s. Parents who could afford boarding schools and so enjoyed genuine choice could order their preferences from "best school guides". Exam results seemed an advance on word of mouth.

The league idea was seized by John Patten, when he was Education Secretary, and extended to state schools. He took an existing, valid requirement that schools make their exam results available to parents and used it for a nationwide carnival of institutional success and failure. The good were lauded, the bad excoriated. As Mr Patten's patron saint, Mr Gradgrind, would have said, schools and their pupils were thus taught a lesson in facts.

When the tables began there was much hogwash about them being "only one of the factors" that should be used to judge a school. That is like saying a rugby international is essentially about sportsmanship. Anyone reading today's league table will see that all pretence has been abandoned. These tables will "make or break a career" and guide parents to the "good school". Head teachers and governors know what these tables mean. They have transformed the atmosphere of every school I know.

Three years ago on this page I criticised the advent of league tables by writing a spoof bursar's report to his governors. He declared that drastic measures were needed. Teachers would be paid by exam results. Pupils likely to score less than grade C must be expelled. Sports and hobbies must be scrapped. Playing fields must be sold and the money spent on talent scouts to raid other schools for high-performing pupils. As for the head, he would be sacked each year if the school did not rise in the league.

I meant it satirically. Yet every one of these predictions has come true. Bounties in the form of scholarships are being paid to transferring sixth-formers. Bonuses are paid to talent scouts. Staff at Wycliffe College are paid £1,000 for each child they can find. Last month the Headmaster of Cheltenham College, Peter Wilkes, was sacked despite overwhelming support from parents. The governors feared that a fall in the school's league-table rank might damage its commercial future. Expulsions of low-grade children are soaring, with heads admitting that only 25 per cent of these are for disruptive behaviour. The startling collapse of school sport has been accelerated by the league tables.

Small wonder these tables come with ample evidence of their own success. A-level pass rates have risen for 13 years in succession, with corresponding inflation of A-grade passes. So what? When hospitals are paid per "medical incident", patients are admitted to and ejected from wards like pellets in a pea-shooter. If we reward judges for the number of accused they send to jail, we shall fill the jails. None of this tells us anything of the quality of the service provided, merely how individuals respond to financial incentives.

The evidence of the league tables so far is that the "best" schools become more popular. Further down the list, anarchy reigns. In a report last year, the Royal Statistical Society pointed out that the numbers involved at each grade are too small for realistic (let alone fair) comparison between schools. The statisticians declared them "meaningless". Tiny shifts in performance could produce huge movements up and down the table: two pupils off sick at exam time could move a small school down 50 places. The result is an inevitable incentive to distort pupils' education. To avoid jeopardising a ranking, individuals are shifted into and out of general studies or discouraged from sitting exams in which they might score D or E grades.

More serious are the increasing numbers of studies (reported in *The Times* last October) which show that schools are losing interest in the bottom 20 per cent of each ability range and concentrating on the middle ranges to push them up into C and B grades. The most severe decline in performance against the average was in the lowest 10 per cent of secondary pupils. These are the pupils who are the biggest risk to the community and to whom schools should be giving special attention. League tables appear to be having the opposite effect.

Britain's problem does not lie with the ability of the top 40-50 per cent of pupils. Every expert who has studied the composition of British labour since the war has reached the same conclusion: the biggest handicap is the poor quality of the least skilled section of the workforce. Government policy, both on restoring selective secondary schooling and on league tables, flies in the face of this. It offers schools a blatant incentive to ignore the needs of the least able and to concentrate on the stars. They, or at least their parents, have the floating votes.

Even this primitive elitism might be valid if exam results measured what communities want from their schools. They do not. They are proxies. They merely show how far the staff of a school have mastered the art of "filling little pitchers with water". They show the same craze for quantifying a profession's output that performance audit is now inflicting on the work of doctors, academics, lawyers and public administrators. In education, that most intangible of public services, these auditors look for any bean they can count: class size, number of science pupils, weeks taken to order an equipment item — and above all, exam results.

The high priests of this audit sit far removed from those whose labours they assess and fund. We should not be surprised that they grasp at any statistics that come to hand when they never see faces. This quantification in turn distorts the character of the examination. Results must be standardised and rendered statistically robust. The questions should be "right or wrong", multiple-choice, modular and tabular, as against essays or coursework. Professional discretion must be minimised. The bureaucrat must be in control.

If the gods of politics must have tables, then we should at least appease them with research that is relevant to a school's real mission. This is surely to fashion a citizen to play a mature role as a member of a family, the community and the economy. In which case, why not measure how well a school's leavers fare in the job market? Or how many secure a training qualification, or a university place? Or how much they are earning after, say, five and ten years? Or how well do they acclimatise to adult life, how many are on social benefit, are divorced or give up exercise? Why not survey what pupils feel later about the school and what it taught them?

None of these "outputs" features in today's league tables. I wonder why. They are too much like real life, too relevant and too difficult. They would also mean government directing the work of teachers away from nationalised norms and towards a reliance on their own professionalism in handling pupils. Exam results are a cheap and easy way for governments to take credit for making schools appear to excel. They show how well schools can turn out on the parade ground, like Cardigan's Light Brigade, not how well they fight.

League tables are erecting a wall of statistics round schools, shielding them from true accountability to their communities. Behind these walls, they are turning Britain's secondary schools into state-regulated crammers.

Chunnel cuts it too fine

Michael Dynes tells how safety was compromised

Despite the elaborate precautions taken to protect the Channel Tunnel against earthquakes, fire, terrorist attacks and rabies, Eurotunnel officials will be aware that the sky has suddenly become black with chickens that have come home to roost.

Throughout the construction of the £10 billion link, Eurotunnel was bombarded with allegations that safety issues were shrouded in a "wall of secrecy" that put profits before people. Such allegations were repeatedly dismissed as "mischievous" by Eurotunnel executives, who were adamant that the tunnel's safety mechanisms would make it the most reliable transport system in the world.

The fire which raged for more than 12 hours on one of the company's HGV wagons has clearly caught Eurotunnel off guard. Although there was no loss of life or serious injury, the safety system did not work as effectively as it should. These failings have revived safety concerns. Eurotunnel will now have to conduct a thorough reassessment of safety systems, to assuage public worries.

The inquiry into what went wrong will have to address a number of pressing questions. What caused the fire in the first place? Was the vehicle where the blaze started carrying proscribed flammable material? How did the fire spread so quickly to 15 other heavy goods vehicles? Why was the train not decoupled and quickly removed from the tunnel? Why was the tunnel "choc-a-bloc" with smoke when the powerful ventilation system should have been able to direct smoke and toxic fumes away from passengers? Why did the authorities wait an hour before summoning the Kent fire brigade to help their French counterparts?

The ten-man Anglo-French Channel Tunnel safety authority, set up in 1987 to ensure the highest possible safety standards, met hastily yesterday to begin looking for answers. But the matter that will concern Eurotunnel more than any other is the design of the HGV wagons themselves — not least because of the questionable methods the company used to get its own way when the rolling-stock was being designed.

While the contractors were still digging out the mud, the Channel Tunnel safety authority began investigating the safety, transportation and communications systems. In great secrecy, many thousands of detailed technical documents were pored over by the authority's experts.

Demands that these technical documents should be made publicly available were dismissed by the safety authority on the grounds that it would be impractical and time-consuming. Moreover, the authority insisted that most of the documents would be incomprehensible to the layman, and the creation of another body to oversee its work would cause delays.

There can be little doubt, however, that the way the tunnel was designed and built complicated the safety authority's task. Because of tight construction deadlines, the design of different aspects of the tunnel had to be submitted in rough and approved in principle before the detailed design work was completed.

That procedure led to a number of tussles between Eurotunnel and safety officials. In February 1992, for example, Eurotunnel's chief executive, Sir Alastair Morton, made it known that he was considering legal action because of the "excessive safety precautions" being demanded. One of the bitterest rows concerned the HGV shuttle design. After submitting a proposal for fully enclosed HGVs, Eurotunnel opted for a revised, semi-enclosed design. Safety officials insisted that semi-enclosed wagons presented an unacceptable risk, especially if one caught fire, and rejected the design. But Eurotunnel had already ordered the shuttles from the manufacturer, having gambled that it would be able to talk the authority round.

The semi-enclosed design was derived from Alpine rail tunnels, where lorries, cars and coaches have been carried without a single serious incident since the 1960s. Because of Eurotunnel's need to carry 44-ton juggernauts, Sir Alastair was desperate to reduce the weight of the new rolling stock so as not to put too great a strain on the axles. The authority had to reconcile its assessment of what was needed to make the tunnel safe with what Eurotunnel thought was necessary to make the tunnel commercially viable. A compromise was reached. Eurotunnel incorporated additional fire-detection and suppression systems, and kept the semi-enclosed design.

At the time, Brian Martin, then head of the safety authority's UK delegation, told *The Times*: "Eurotunnel's [final] proposal is likely to be safer than the revised design. But it is likely to be less safe than the original. The safety authority's task is not to decide whether it is possible to achieve greater safety — you can always do that — but whether it is adequately safe."

Eurotunnel always knew that its decision to order semi-enclosed rolling stock meant a significantly greater risk of fire spreading rapidly. The safety authority, under the threat of legal action from Eurotunnel, abandoned its better judgment. That there has been only one serious fire in 30 months is testimony to a high level of safety; but that one fire is also a reminder that the Channel Tunnel is not immune from a catastrophic failure of its safeguards.

Scott free?

THERE is dry sherry on the carpet in Kensington and Chelsea, where the fate of Nicholas "Scotch" Scott, resident MP and consumer of pills, has still to be decided by local Tories.

Constituency members are livid after being circulated with a newsletter from their chairman informing them that Scotch has requested a special meeting on December 2 in Kensington Town Hall. "The meeting has been called to hear an address from the prospective parliamentary candidate [ie Scotch], and to decide whether or not to endorse the decision taken in general meeting on 10th November 1995 [*sic*] to adopt Sir Nicholas Scott."

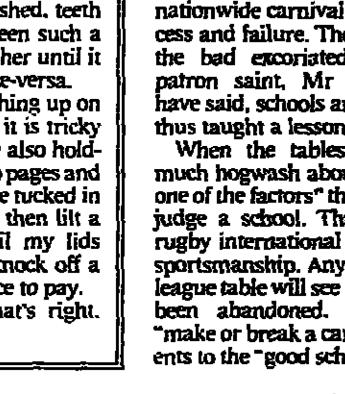
No mention is made of the constituency meeting on November 4, 1996, when Scotch was given the thumbs-down by the executive committee after his theatrical performance at the Tory conference when he left a party in the early hours only to be found face down in a gutter, his memory shot.

"This will be the first time ever that Kensington and Chelsea has in effect held a deselection committee," says one peptic Tory. "And yet they have the gall not to mention this local difficulty. It's disgusting. They must still think he'll be able to keep the seat warm for Chris Patten's return after the election."

May showers

CHILDISHNESS is being inflicted on Maidenhead's Conservatives by Theresa May, their prospective parliamentary candidate. A series of goo-goo press releases has been issued on her behalf. For example: "Prime Minister helps Theresa May celebrate 40th birthday: Life begins at 40 and Theresa May... got her birthday off to a good start on September 27 when the Prime Minister helped her celebrate and blow out the candles on her cake." Underneath an accompanying photograph is the caption "One big blow and together we'll do it."

It gets worse. "Theresa May meets Norwegian vigneron in Littlewick Green" is a Trumptonesque tale not worth the telling.



"Looks like we're passing over the Chunnel..."

THE TIMES DIARY

Two Shakes

THESE are good times for George "Dadie" Rylands, 94, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge and former heart-throb of the Bloomsbury set. On Sunday evening, his life and Shakespearean scholarship were celebrated at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, by a cast led by Ian McKellen. Now Polygram has announced that it is to re-release the complete works of Shakespeare as recorded by Rylands for the British Council between 1957 and 1963.

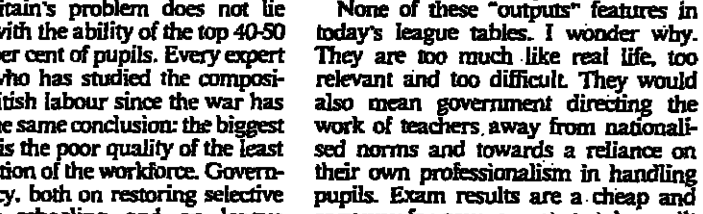
The productions include Peggy Ashcroft playing Desdemona in *Othello*, Derek Jacobi as Hamlet and Peter Pears as Feste in *Twelfth Night*, all recorded in the ADC Theatre in Cambridge during the long vacation.

"If a dog barked or an aeroplane flew overhead," said Rylands yesterday, "we would have to redo whole chunks. I'm delighted they're reissuing it — absolutely all for it."

No beau

THE FIRE in the Chunnel caused a number of difficulties for Eurostar's promotions team. Not least their hopes of winning the race for the Beaujolais nouveau. They had decided that the direct shuttle service to the middle of France via Lille offered the best hope of coming first in the tired old event.

Plans to take wine-bibbers to Lyons today were abandoned, dining bookings were cancelled and hopes of pressing a bottle of the newly released vinegar into journalists' hands at midnight went by the way.



Taylor, Peacock and Fortensky: choose two

Liz or Larry?

BETTY BOOTHROYD'S showbiz background got the better of her yesterday. The former Tiller girl was calling on Elizabeth Peacock, Conservative MP for Batley and Spen, to ask a question, when her usually faultless delivery short-circuited: she called the lady "Elizabeth Taylor".

The mistake brought a massive cheer all round and a scarlet blush to the downy cheek of Mrs Peacock, who for my money looks rather more like Miss Taylor's most recent husband, Larry Fortensky.

- *Do not expect to find any Tom Cruise fans in the vicinity of Luton Hoo, the Bedfordshire stately home. Eyes Wide Shut, his latest movie — directed by Stanley Kubrick and also starring Mrs Cruise, Nicole Kidman — has overrun its filming schedule, meaning there will be no Christmas craft fair at the house. For the first time in years, the 5,000 craft-fanciers will have to travel further afield for their knick-knacks.*

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THIRD-BEST BUDGET

Without a tough Budget, Clarke will have to raise interest rates

The most important boast that Kenneth Clarke can make when he presents his Budget is that the problems he faces as Chancellor are the problems of success. Mr Clarke has presided over Britain's transformation from the weakest to the strongest economy in Europe. The main problems which Britain now faces — modestly accelerating inflation, an over-expensive currency and interest rates which are now higher than in any other advanced economy — are minor in comparison with the long-term stagnation afflicting Germany, France and Japan.

Mr Clarke was, of course, lucky to have moved into the Treasury after Norman Lamont had made many of the tough decisions that were needed to fill the gaping hole in the Government's finances left by the ERM recession. But Mr Clarke deserves credit for having pressed on with Mr Lamont's unpopular programme of public spending cuts and increasing taxes — and for the generally good judgment he has shown in managing interest rates.

The question now is whether Mr Clarke can live up to the fine record he himself has set. The best policy for a country to pursue when confronted with the twin problems of accelerating inflation and a rapidly rising currency is clear. It is to reduce the Government's budget deficit by substantially cutting public spending. Cuts in public spending release resources for the private sector and dampen down inflation, making it possible to reduce interest rates and thereby take upward pressure off the pound. But the Government's loss of self-confidence, combined with the electoral timetable, seems to have precluded the kind of bold initiatives, for example in social security reform, which might have produced big reductions in public spending — as opposed to mere reductions in its rate of growth.

If really substantial spending cuts are off the political agenda, Mr Clarke must reach for the second-best instrument to manage demand and keep inflation under control: he must either raise interest rates or increase taxes. Nobody likes paying taxes and an increase in taxes may be considered a counsel of despair, particularly for a Tory Government. Yet tax increases can sometimes be far less damaging to the economy than higher interest rates. Mr Clarke should be the first to recognise this, having carried through so successfully Mr Lamont's post-ERM strategy of sharply raising taxes and sharply reducing interest rates.

On present tax and spending policies, the Government will continue to run a large budget deficit as far ahead as the eye can see, putting an ever-greater burden of public debt on future generations. Higher taxes must be considered a serious option. In the present circumstances, with British interest rates already higher than in any other advanced economy, with the pound rising rapidly and with exports, manufacturing and investment still playing a weak part in the economy's growth, higher taxes would clearly be preferable to higher interest rates — just as they proved to be in the 1993 Budget and, before that, in Sir Geoffrey Howe's controversial Budget of 1981.

But whatever the economic arguments and historic precedents may point to, Mr Clarke is unlikely to announce either a net increase in taxes or a net reduction in spending next week. The most that can be hoped is that he will maintain a tight grip on the growth of public spending and keep net tax reductions to below £2 billion. With the best and second-best policies for controlling demand and inflation apparently ruled out, the Chancellor will be left with the third-best option: a higher interest rates. The question Mr Clarke and the country will have to face in the months before the election is whether interest should continue rising, or whether a little more leeway on inflation should be allowed.

If Mr Clarke were prepared to announce really tough policies on taxes and public spending, any further increase in interest rates could be ruled out and last month's rise could even be reversed. But in the absence of a tight Budget, he will have to continue raising interest rates. The policy Mr Clarke appears to have chosen is only the third-best policy available but is better than allowing inflation to get out of control.

NIGHTMARE SCENARIO

Lessons to be learnt but Le Shuttle will go on

The devastating fire that broke out in the Channel Tunnel did not cost any lives. But it could cost an inestimable amount in loss of confidence, loss of earnings and loss of national pride in the £10 billion enterprise. The Government has properly insisted on a full inquiry, and the French Government is likely to echo this demand. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, told Parliament that tunnel services cannot be resumed until absolute safety can be guaranteed. The inferno has caused considerable damage: so intense was the heat that the train wheels were welded to the rails. It will take weeks before the tunnel can be fully repaired, and even longer before all the questions raised can be resolved.

Despite the panic and pain of the victims, the terrible speed of the conflagration and the inexplicable failure of communication between the English and French emergency services, the rescue operation on the whole seems to have worked well. The passengers were led to safety; the drills, last practised only ten days ago during a mock emergency, were properly implemented; and the rescuers courageous and quick-thinking. Events could otherwise have been far worse. This was, as safety experts said, the very *"nightmare scenario"* that they had dreaded: a rapidly spreading fire, emitting dense clouds of toxic smoke, breaking out close to the rear engine as the train was midway through the tunnel.

The absence of a heavier toll is retrospective justification for the insistence, during construction, on rigorous safety standards, even if these contributed to the huge cost overruns and the delay in opening the tunnel. Nevertheless, there remain serious unanswered questions. On the technical side, it is unclear why the tunnel ventilators were not better able to clear the choking smoke that smothered several victims. The train, with engines at either end, is designed to decouple so that passengers can be pulled clear of the disaster. But this did not happen. Why did the French not contact Kent fire crews until about an hour after the accident?

The most controversial question, however, is likely to relate to the transport of highly dangerous materials through the tunnel. Polystyrene is extraordinarily toxic if it catches fire, and other substances, such as alcohol, certain chemicals and flammable materials are known fire hazards. An inspection of each cargo is impractical: the point of Le Shuttle is that it should be a virtual moving highway, able to carry whatever can legally be carried by road without hold-ups or cumbersome paperwork. There will be inevitable calls for more rigorous checks on loads and for the compartments containing heavy goods vehicles to be sealed.

The danger is that the tunnel will be seen as accident-prone: late in opening, deep in debt, already the victim of two minor accidents and now this. Such a perception would be a blow to the attempts to bolster traffic and make the best commercial use of this unique link to the Continent. Despite Monday's fire, such a perception would also be wrong.

ROW AGAINST THE TIDE

The Boat Race needs its amateur spirit restored

An outbreak of common sense is always to be welcomed. The tentative agreement between the respective rowing authorities of Oxford and Cambridge to establish ground rules for the recruitment of oarsmen is long overdue. The present "gentleman's agreement" has long been worth less than the paper it was not written on.

Rowing used to be such an uncomplicated pursuit. Wholesomely amateur, it stood as the ultimate team sport where the performance of the crew depended on the powerof the entire unit. It demands an astonishingly varied range of physical strength and skill. The annual contest between Oxford and Cambridge reflected those virtues and was appreciated for it. At some point a sense of proportion was lost. During the 1980s both ancient universities became increasingly ruthless in their pursuit of glory. In the process they forgot the virtues that had maintained the event since 1829.

There is a thin line between aggressive competition and creeping professionalism. Oxford stretched matters by their shameless recruitment from North America. As the film *True Blue* recounts, this has proved a contentious experience. In the last contest there was only one undergraduate in the Dark Blue boat. Meanwhile, the obscure Diploma in Social Studies has enjoyed an extraordinary boom — especially at Keble College — and may be the only course in the Western world where the average student exceeds six foot in height. Then the Light Blues hit back. In 1994 Cambridge invented bursaries worth up to £5,000 for impoverished athletes.

This introduction of what Oxford described as "cheque-book rowing" threatened an escalation in combat to the point where academic standards were jettisoned entirely. Fortunately, it looks as if wiser heads may have prevailed. It would be thoroughly healthy if the Boat Race was once again fought between crews consisting of conventional students who balanced their sporting efforts with scholastic endeavours. In days of old a Blue could only be awarded during the first 12 terms of university life. The enormous expansion of postgraduate courses during the past 20 years would make such a rule unreasonable now, but its spirit still has much to commend it.

Some might dismiss such a view as dated. Sponsorship and massive television audiences, it is argued, demand more than the amateur tradition can provide. This misses the point entirely. Every year hundreds if not thousands of professional events grace our sporting schedule. If the Boat Race becomes just one more it will simply fade into the pack. The strength of this institution lies in its unique character. Oxford and Cambridge should use this code of conduct to preserve it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Let the bankers handle the money'

From Mr R. H. Wilson

Sir, I always thought that the objection on the part of William Rees-Mogg and others to the European Central Bank was primarily that it would be composed of unelected officials. Thus, monetary (and in turn fiscal) policy would be outside the control of the democratically elected representatives of the people.

I am pleased to note that, at least as far as the Bank of England is concerned ("Keep sterling safe for future generations", November 18), this objection no longer stands. Presumably, therefore, an independent European Central Bank is equally valid? It will after all be modelled on the Bundesbank and the US Federal Reserve.

It has always been a mystery to me that so many people have supported "democratic control" over monetary policy when these elected representatives of the people have decimated the currency over the years. In 1961 I could buy DM11.20 with my pound. Perhaps, though, I am underestimating the comfort value of having the Queen's head on the currency.

On the basis that EMU takes place on the back of economic convergence, an independent European Central Bank is no different from an independent Bank of England. Thus in any referendum the anti-EMU arguments are becoming less significant. Furthermore, such a referendum will probably take place at a time when UK short-term interest rates are likely to be in the region of 7 per cent and those in "inner Europe" around 3 per cent.

Who knows, somebody may point to the advantage to the UK economy of significantly lower interest rates. I wonder what the millions of mortgage holders might think?

Yours faithfully,
R. H. WILSON,
12 Inglis Road, W5.
November 11.

From Mr Mark Hardy

Sir, I believe that Llew Smith, MP (letter, November 18), misunderstands why many of the British public would like to join the European monetary union at the earliest possible moment. He writes "a single currency will oblige Britain to become a member of the European Central Bank, the executive of which will be appointed for eight years . . . no one will be able to remove them". That alone is one of the best reasons for joining.

The sooner MPs realise that our economy would be better run by bankers and long-term strategists, who are free from political interference and short-term electoral manipulation, the better it will be for all of us.

The success of the United States economy is, in part, due to the President and Congress not being allowed (by law) to interfere with or try and influence Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve. The independence of the Bundesbank has worked extremely well for Germany over the years.

Yours faithfully,
MARK HARDY,
52 Argyll Mansions,
Kings Road, SW3.
November 18.

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, At least all three major parties are now committed to a referendum on the single currency (leading article, November 18) but we should not underestimate their appetite for deception.

If, for instance, our negotiating team is led by an individual, such as Kenneth Clarke, who regarding Europe seems to be contemptuous of the public will, we may find that by the time we have our chance to vote at the referendum we have been boxed into a corner because our defences outside the single currency have been undermined.

If, as Sir Roy Denman says (letter, November 16), our EU partners are clear about their destination and "Britain can no more stop this than could King Canute the tide" then we should take his advice and make up our minds once and for all.

We should hold a referendum as soon as possible on the question of whether or not we wish to achieve the destination that Sir Roy quotes as "fiscal, social, monetary, and ultimately political union".

If we vote "no", then the UK Government will have the duty to negotiate a relationship with the EU as close to the Common Market concept we voted for at the last referendum as can be achieved, consistent with the re-establishment of our independent democracy but with the latter taking priority.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.
November 18.

From Mr Michael Hart

Sir, The arrival of another grandchild seems to have wondrously demisted *Lord Rees-Mogg's vision of the future.* The euro "would not be as good as the mark, but it might be better than an inflationary pound". Precisely. Which is why it is likely to be more risky to stay out of the single currency than to go in.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HART,
49 Chesterfield Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
November 18.

League tables as guide to schools

From the Headmaster of St Hugh's School, Faringdon

Sir, I am saddened by the observations on academic league tables by Dr John Rae, a former Head Master of Westminster School ("A triumph for parental choice", November 18).

Dr Rae acknowledges the limitations and inconsistencies of what I, along with many others, regard as flawed statistics, yet claims that they are "so useful to parents selecting a school".

Far from being the "triumph for parental choice", league tables are threatening to do great disservice to the cause of education. Many decisions about the opportunities available to pupils are now being made from a fear of their perceived effect on league-table positions rather than from a consideration of how best to help the individual: this is true of academic options and of the wider aspects of education alike.

Luckily, those of us who work in preparatory schools know that most parents are too perceptive to fall for the simplistic argument that good A-level results this year promise similar attainments for pupils six or more years ahead — or that good academic results are obtainable only in self-professed "academic" schools.

Choice of schools is never easy for parents, who can do no better than visualise their children's likely performance in any environment. For those such as Dr Rae to suggest that flawed league tables offer serious guidance is at best sad, at worst cruelly misleading. Far greater wisdom is encapsulated in the heading lower down the same page: "Parents should trust their instincts more." That in the end is the only way.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK CANNON,
Headmaster, St Hugh's School,
Carswell Manor,
Faringdon, Oxfordshire.
November 18.

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, John Rae claims that Labour is "equivocal" on whether the amount of information given in league tables should be limited rather than increased. He is wrong.

Labour would continue to publish the raw exam results for schools. However, we would add more information to performance tables, enabling parents and teachers to compare a school's performance in one year with that in previous years and to examine how well a school has performed, given the standards achieved by their 11-year-old intake.

A school where the average pupil aged 11 had a reading age of nine will do well to achieve average GCSE results, but one where the average pupil had a reading age of 13 on entry would have done very poorly with the same results. Parents should have this information too.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BLUNKETT,
House of Commons.

From Mr Alasdair L. McClure

Sir, If "Academic league tables have become a vital aid", why don't they exist in, say, the German education system, which historically (and certainly since 1945) has outperformed our own system?

One reason I think is that all German schools (academic, technical and vocational) are funded sufficiently well to assure parents that their child/children receive the best possible education compatible with their abilities. Most German parents that I've spoken to in explaining the idea of league tables find the idea preposterous not to say warped.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. McCLURE,
282 Smedley Street West,
Matlock, Derbyshire.
November 18.

Quality of MPs' debate on gun law

From Mr Michael Bartlett

Sir, "For good or ill, the Dunblane parents terrorised the Commons yesterday", argues Matthew Parris in his Political Sketch today. His coolness amid the passion engendered by the handgun debate can only be welcomed.

Legislation must come through sensible and thorough consultation and debate. Parliament's role is to be able to step back from a tragedy such as Dunblane and after careful deliberation, and without emotional involvement, either pass laws which will work, or conclude that some things are beyond its power. This is how MPs serve us, and it is not always a task to be relished.

The real "feel good" factor is provided by the MPs who voted to ban all handguns, presumably in the belief that that would be that. I believe murdering children has always been illegal, but tragically, this law too will always be broken.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BARTLETT,
Flat 4, 297 Trinity Road, SW18.
November 19.

From Lady Beauchamp

Sir, My dictionary defines a debate as "the formal presentation and opposition of a specific motion, followed by a vote". The implication of this is that those present at the debate listen to the arguments and vote after they have considered the merits of the opposing views expressed.

Parliament is supposed to be the best debating chamber in the world. How strange therefore that during the debate on the aboliton of handguns yesterday, the chamber was less than a quarter full. Yet, as you report today, the division showed that 587 Members voted.

As the so-called debate on the subject of the motion clearly had no impact on the result of the vote, all MPs might just as well stay at home for all the motions that come before the House and fax their votes direct to the tellers.

Yours faithfully,
MARGOT BEAUCHAMP,
The Coach House,
4 Balfour Mews,
Sidmouth, East Devon.
November 19.

Churchyard history

From Mr Richard Smart

Sir, It is good to learn that information from some 25,000 war memorials is being collected by the Imperial War *Museum and transferred* to a database which will soon be accessible to the public (letters, November 4). There is also, however, a huge amount of information of importance to genealogists and family historians in the form of perhaps ten million non-military gravestones in our country's churchyards and burial grounds, most of which are unrecorded and crumbling into decay and illegibility.

Many groups, notably family history societies, are recording the information from them on a local basis before it is too late.

The task is a massive one. There are no accurate figures of the total number of memorials or how many have been recorded (perhaps 10 per cent?).

Would it not be a splendidly appropriate project for the millennium to mobilise groups of people all over the country to go out into the churchyards and burial grounds and rescue this unique source of information before it is too late? Even better if modern information technology, the computerised database, were harnessed to the task of making easily accessible to the public the unique genealogical information preserved by one of the most ancient — inscriptions on stone.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SMART
(Head of History),
De Montfort University Bedford,
Polhill Avenue, Bedford.
November 11.

Jam tomorrow

From Ms Jill Leyland

Sir, Your leading article commenting on future traffic flows (November 19) suggests that traffic volume is set to double from its present 25 million vehicles to 50 million by the year 2025.

Since the current population of this country is around 58 million and unlikely to grow much, if at all, by that date, who is going to be driving all these vehicles?

Are we assuming a reduction in the driving age to five years, that all schoolchildren will have their own Mercedes and that we will have no use for public transport? And are all these vehicles going to be on the road all the time?

I suggest a more careful look at *these traffic forecasts.*

Yours faithfully,
JILL LEYLAND (Consultant
economist and statistician),
Bracken Ridge, 32 Birchwood Road,
Petts Wood, Kent.
November 19.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Gurkhas deserve better

From Miss Lara Grieve

Sir, Air Vice-Marshal Edward Crew (letter, November 15) rightly labels the intended treatment of Gurkhas posted here as mean and shabby.

I have just returned from a two-week trek with the Gurkha Welfare Trust inspecting schools and primary healthcare centres for ex-Gurkhas and their dependants. Not only are the facilities basic — some would say primitive — but I learnt that many of the pensioners have to trek over tough country for three days to the payment centre and then back with their monthly pension which, at barely 15 per cent of the rate enjoyed by British soldiers, is meagre even by Nepalese standards.

If we can contemplate funding an expensive military exercise to help in Zaire (however humanitarian) surely we can and should look after the Gurkhas well and fairly on all fronts when they have given so much to us for so long.

Yours faithfully,
LARA GRIEVE,
Stoke Lodge,
Clee Downton, Ludlow, Shropshire.
November 15.

Citizenship bar on civil servants

From the Joint General Secretary of the Public Services Tax and Commerce Union

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Crawford is to be congratulated on his appointment as the Queen's new press secretary (report, November 19). As an Australian citizen, had he joined the Royal Household after June this year, he would have been barred from taking up the post under new rules introduced by the Government which prevent Irish and Commonwealth citizens from holding any post where a special relationship of allegiance to the Crown is considered to be a requirement for the job.

The Civil Service unions are campaigning against this recent change to the Civil Service nationality rules which clearly sends the message to Commonwealth and Irish citizens that they can no longer be trusted to administer the affairs of Her Majesty's Government.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE BROOKE,
Joint General Secretary,
Public Services Tax
and Commerce Union,
5 Great Suffolk Street, SE1.
November 19.

Establishment rebuff

From Mr M. Al Fayed

Sir, Many hard things have been said about me, but it is cruel beyond measure to imply that I am seeking acceptance by "the Establishment" ("Al Fayed set sights on revenge after takeover report", November 14). I am not seeking acceptance by any self-perpetuating caste. I only wish to share the nationality of my four British children.

I do not wish to receive honours or titles, I never go to fashionable restaurants and I cannot remember the last time I attended a reception or society gathering that was not directly connected with my commercial concerns. My interests are my family, my companies and my staff. I serve all my customers well — not just those who consider themselves to be the Establishment.

I have never kept the receipts of any journalist visiting L'Hôtel Ritz in Paris; nor did I put up the £7.8 million to keep Canova's statue *The Three Graces* in this country, though I offered to do so if no one else would foot the bill. I did not make a donation to the Hampton Court restoration fund, though I have admired the completed work and was pleased to present a promotion in my store on behalf of the Royal School of Needlework which is housed in the palace.

I am proud of my Egyptian origins but I love this country, even if that is unfashionable. Without wishing to boast, I should point out that my estate in Scotland is 50,000 acres not 30,000: I recently enlarged it, not least in order that I might get even further away from the goings-on of some of the MPs who make up a decaying "Establishment" I would never join.

Yours faithfully,
M. Al FAYED
(Chairman), Harrods,
87/135 Brompton Road, SW1.
November 15.

Library funding

From Dr J. R. Mason

Sir, May I add my voice to Mr F. Harrowell's (letter, November 15) pleading for MPs to campaign for the retention of local libraries?

The assurance given by Ms Anne Campbell, MP, on behalf of Information for All (letter, November 11), that everyone, wherever they live, will have access to the full range of electronic information services via the library service, can carry little weight with residents living in the Mill Road area of her Cambridge constituency, where her own Labour Party, in coalition with Liberal Democrats, shut down their library in March in the year of its centenary.

No doubt Ms Campbell's county council colleagues would lay the blame for the closure on the underfunding of local government by central government, but local residents, who have challenged county council costings and believe the library could be financed from within the county's libraries' budget, now join the "have nots", not merely in respect of information technology but of all the services offered by the library.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. MASON,
77 Tenison Road, Cambridge.
November 18.

Fit for the job?

From Mrs Helen Tarnoy

Sir, What a godsend to the Letters page! Your readers, I am sure, will be delighted to nominate those whose genius would have been lost to the world of art, letters, humanities, science, *politics, sport et al.* had their employment been conditional on an alcohol blood test (report, "Executive sues for drink diagnosis that cost job", November 12; letter, November 18).

I am happy to start the ball rolling with the late, great Winston Churchill.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN TARNOY,
Gale,
Chelwood Gate, West Sussex.
November 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 19: The Prime Minister of Belize was received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Justas Paleckis was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his Predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Lithuania to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Paleckiene was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Her Majesty received General Sir Martin Farndale upon relinquishing his appointment as Master Gunner, St James's Park, and Field Marshal the Lord Vincent of Coleshill upon assuming the appointment.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40pm.

There were present: the Lord Mackay of Clashfern (Lord Chancellor), the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon Sir John Wheeler MP (Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office) and the Rt Hon Jeremy Hanley MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

The Rt Hon Manuel Esquivel and the Rt Hon Sir Mark Waller were sworn in as Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinbrugh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward were present.

The Orchestra of the Coldstream Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, British Sub-Aqua Club, this morning presented the 1995 Duke of Edinburgh's Prize at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, afterwards presented the National Playing Fields Association President's Certificates for 1996 at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, President, this afternoon presented the Institute of Sports Sponsorship Awards and attended a Luncheon at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 19: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 19: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning held a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10 Buckingham Gate, London SW1.

His Royal Highness, President, Royal College of Music, this evening presided at the College's Annual Award Ceremony at Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, later attended "Masks", an exhibition of masks which were later auctioned in support of the Trust, at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 19: The Duke of Kent, President, this afternoon laid a wreath at the Hodagaya Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Tokyo.

His Royal Highness, President, Action Japan, this evening attended a reception given by the British Ambassador, at the British Embassy, Tokyo, Japan.

Today is the forty-ninth anniversary of the marriage of The Queen to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Birthdays today

Mr M.C. Alexander, writer, 76; Lord Archer of Sandwell, QC, 70; the Hon Hugh Astor, former deputy chairman, *The Times*, 76; Mr P.G. Badge, Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, 65; Mr Gareth Chilcott, rugby player, 40; Mr Wallace Clark, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, 70; Mr Alistair Cooke, KBE, journalist and broadcaster, 88; Brigadier B.T.V. Cowey, former rugby player, 85; Mr R.M. Francis, art historian, 49; Sir Alan Goodison, diplomat, 70; Miss Nadine Gordimer, author, 73; Miss Dulcie Gray, actress and author, 76; Mrs Penelope Hobhouse, horticulturist, 67; the Earl of Home, 53; Mr Aubrey Jones, former MP, 85; Mr Piara Khabra, MP, 72; Sir Michael Latham, former MP, 54; Mr J.A.S. McPherson, Lord-Lieutenant of Grampian Region, 69; Sir Richard Morris, chemical engineer, 71; Sir David Price, former MP, 72; Mr A.M. Rees, former Chief Constable, Denbighshire and Staffordshire, 84; Mr Steve Smith, athlete, 24; Mr Wilfred Wooller, cricketer and rugby player, 84.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the Royal Concert in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund at the Albert Hall at 7.15.

The Prince of Wales will open the Discerning Eye Exhibition at the Mall Galleries at 6.

The Princess Royal will open the new headquarters of the North of Scotland Water Authority, Beachwood Business Park, Inshes, Inverness, at 11.20; and will visit Teanassie School, Beauly, at 12.55.

Princess Margaret, Patron, will attend a reception given by the Pottery and Glass Trades' Benevolent Institution at Painters' Hall at 6.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open Melbury Lodge at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, at 2.20; and, as Patron of the Enham Trust, will open Phases 1 and 2 of Cedar Park, Enham Alamein, at 3.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend a dinner given by the British Moroccan Society to be held at the St James Court Hotel, Buckingham Gate, at 8.

ERIC GAILLARD

The Royal Family of Monaco reviewing the Monégasque national parade yesterday. From left: Andrea, 12, Prince Rainier, Prince Albert, Pierre, 9, Princess Caroline, Charlotte, 10, and Princess Stéphanie. The three children are Princess Caroline's

Memorial services

Sir Jeremy Rowe

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Jeremy Rowe, industrialist, was held yesterday at St Marylebone Parish Church. The Rev Richard McLaren officiated.

Mrs Nicola Herring, daughter, read the lesson and Mrs Josephine Fothergill, daughter, read Psalm 121. Mrs Sarah Burles, daughter, read her father's poem *River's Story* and Mrs Lucinda Grant, daughter, read from the works of Joyce Grenfell.

Mr Walter Drax gave an address. Among others present were: Lady Rowe (widow), Mr Richard Fothergill, Mr Richard Grant, Mr Barry Burles and Mr John Herring (sons-in-law), Charlotte Grant, Henrietta Grant and David Herring (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs John Harris (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Mark Harris, Mr and Mrs Robert Dashwood, Mr and Mrs Simon Everard, Mr and Mrs T J Everard, Mr Mark Everard, Mr Nicholas Everard, Mr and Mrs John Trotter, Mrs Amanda de Lisle, Miss Rosina Harris and other members of the family.

Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Baroness Blatch, Lady Frances Denman, the Hon Mrs Drax, the Hon Mrs Tom Brassey, Sir Ralph and Lady Verney, Sir Thomas and Lady Troubridge, Sir Franklin and Lady Braithwaite, Sir John and Lady Milne, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Sir John Sparrow, Sir Neil Shields, Sir Peter Hunt.

The Master of the Company of Tylers and Bricklayers, Mr Mark Drax, Mr Edward Drax, Mr Jeremy Drax, Mr and Mrs John Henderson, Mrs Charlotte Dickie, Mrs Sue Charley, Mr and Mrs Clive Barford, Mr and Mrs Anthony Herring, Mr and Mrs John Grant, Mr Bernard Brook-Partridge, Mr Charles Hemmings, Commander L C Lings, Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Derk Pelly, Mr and Mrs Simon Pleydell-Bouverie, Mr and Mrs Tony Watson, Mr Neil Rattee, Mrs John Horrell, Mr Anthony Forbes, Mr and Mrs Donald Cameron, Mr James Johnston, Mr Martin Hime, Mr Patrick Harrison.

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Mr Roger Pidgeon (Commission for the New Towns), Mr Richard Hill (Arnold Hill and Company), Mr Christopher Gorringe (All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club) and Mrs Gorringe with Mr and Mrs Roger Ambrose, Mr Basil Hutchins, Mr Tim Phillips, Mr John Barrett and other members of the club; Mr Richard Steel (Wellesley House, Broadstairs, Kent) and Mrs Steel with Mr Nigel Hale and Mr and Mrs Barry Wetherill; Miss Harriet Dawes (Occupational Pensions Board) with other members of the board; Mrs Marian Poole (Association of Friendly Societies), and many other friends and former colleagues.

Professor Donald C. Earl

A memorial service for Professor Donald C. Earl, Professor of Classics, Hull University, 1978-88, was held yesterday in the chapel of the university. Canon Dr Francis Gordon-Kerr, Chaplain, officiated.

Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor of Hull University, read the lesson and Professor Gwyn Harries-Jenkins gave an address.

Mr Brian Davies

A memorial service for Mr Brian Melville Davies, television producer and director, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated and the Rev Jonathan Cruickshank led the prayers. Ms Ann Good read the lesson. Miss Rebecca Davies, daughter, read James Whitcomb Riley's *Away* and Miss Jane Drabble, director of education, BBC, read from the works of Sir Huw Wheldon. Miss Elizabeth Davies, daughter, paid tribute and Mr David Lomax gave an address.

Luncheons

Liverpool Consular Corps

The Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the President of the Manchester Consular Association attended a luncheon of the Liverpool Consular Corps held at the Liverpool Racquet Club yesterday to mark 50 years of consular service in Liverpool by Consul-General Thomas V. Anthony (Dominican Republic). Consul David Beazley (Sweden), president of the corps, presided. Consul Anthony Brown (Iceland) and Vice-Consul Hilary Gatenby (Dominican Republic) welcomed the guests.

Lord Hacking

Lord Hacking and Mr Tony Girling, President of the Law Society, gave a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday for the Lords and Commons Solicitors' Group. Among those present were: Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, Mr David Hunt, MP, Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, Mr Paul Boateng, MP, members of both Houses of Parliament, members of the society and the press.

Dinners

Air Force Board

Earl Howe, Under-Secretary of State for Defence, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, were the hosts at a dinner of the Air Force Board held at Admiralty House last night. The guests were: The Duke of Grafton, KG, Lord Donoughue, Sir Peter Cazalet, the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Mr John Kemp-Welch, Mr Robert Ayling, Mr Jonathan Holborow, Mr Gavin Lyall and Mr Colin Balmer.

United & Cecil Club

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host to the United & Cecil Club at a dinner at the House of Commons last night. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided. Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker.

The Society of Merchants Trading to the Continent

Mr David Welch, Chief Executive The Royal Parks Agency, was guest of honour at a dinner of the society held last night at Trinity House, Tower Hill. Mr Rupert Hambro presided.

Supper

Cheshire Lieutenancy

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, Viscount Ashbrook, and Viscountess Ashbrook were the hosts at a supper party held last evening at Arley Hall for the Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, Mr William Bromley Davenport, and Mrs Bromley Davenport. Deputy Lieutenants and other guests were present.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Chatterton, the "boy poet", Bristol, 1752; Edwin Hubble, astronomer, Marshfield, Missouri, 1889.

DEATHS: Abraham Tucker, writer, Dorking, Surrey, 1774; Anton Rubinstein, pianist and composer, Peterhof, Russia, 1894; Count Leo Tolstoy, writer, 1910; Alexandra, Queen Consort of King Edward VII, Sandringham, 1925; John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet, Kensington, 1935; Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain 1939-75, Madrid, 1975.

Simón Bolívar declared Venezuela independent from Spain, 1818.

Charles Stewart Rolls and Frederick Henry Royce formed Rolls-Royce, 1906.

Lord Finsberg

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord Finsberg, MBE (Geoffrey Finsberg) at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London NW8, on Wednesday, December 18, at 11.30am.

Lecture

ISVA/Hamptons International

Mr Christopher Jonas, CBE, delivered the Hamptons Lecture yesterday at the ISVA, the professional Society for Valuers and Auctioneers, in conjunction with Hamptons International. The title of the Lecture was "Foresight = Hindsight + Insight".

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The 318th annual general Court of Governors of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy was held on November 14 at Lambeth Palace. Mr L.H.G. Trimm, senior treasurer, was in the chair.

The following were elected treasurers for the year ensuing: Mr L.H.G. Trimm, Mr T.D. Baxendale and the Rev David Burgess.

The court of governors received the retirement from the court of assistants of Lord Templeman, Brigadier G.B. Curtis, Mr R.H.N. Dashwood, Mr P. Griffin, Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins and Mr M.L.J. Marshall.

The court of governors elected Lord Lloyd of Berwick, the Bishop of London, the Rev Philip Buckler, Mr T.D. Hoffman and Mrs C. White to be members of the court of assistants.

Canon Joseph Robinson retired as a treasurer.

The College of Estate Management

The President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Mr Jeremy Bayliss, presented Diplomas in Surveying and gave an address to successful students of the College last Saturday. Mr Martin Ralph was awarded the prize for the most distinguished student of the year. The Chairman of the College, Mr John Parry, and the College Principal, Mr Peter Goodacre, each gave an address.

Dulwich College

The Governors of Dulwich College, London SE21, are pleased to announce that Sir Robin Butler, GCB, CVO, will succeed Sir Colin Cole, KCB, KCVO, TD, BCL, MA, as Chairman, with effect from September 1, 1997.

Forthoming marriages

Mr A. Bance and Miss M.R. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Bance, of Long Ditton, Surrey, and Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Taylor, of Rimington, Lancashire.

Mr E.J.P. Evans and Miss C.J. Lavender

The engagement is announced between Edward James Probert, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Washington DC, USA, and Caroline Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lavender, of Belgravia, London.

Mr G.J. Findlay and Miss J.M. Ward

The engagement is announced between Graeme, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.E. Findlay, of Knowle, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Ward, of Dorridge, Solihull.

Mr R.B. Frere Scott and the Hon Mary Douglas-Scott-Montagu

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Scott of Gala, of Galashiels, Scotland, and Mary, only daughter of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Belinda, Lady Montagu.

Mr M.P. Galliford and Miss A.J. Newnham

The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of Mr Peter Galliford, CBE, and Mrs Galliford, of Rugby, Warwickshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cyril Newnham, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr D.A. Macaulay and Miss D.S. Marshall

The engagement is announced between David Alexander, youngest son of the late Mr Kenneth Macaulay and of Mrs Marion Macaulay, of Manchester, and Deborah Susan, eldest daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Susan Marshall, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.G.St J. Nevill and Miss L.K. Randell

The engagement is announced between Giles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Nevill, of Colchester, Essex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Randell, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr R.G.R. Parfitt and Miss J.C. Barras

The engagement is announced between Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Parfitt, of Streatley-on-Thames, Oxon, and Joanna, second daughter of Mr L.W.B. Barras, of Gouvieux, France, and Mrs G. Barras, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr M.E. Roberts and Miss B.E. Copping

The engagement is announced between Mark Edwin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Roberts, of Mark Beech, Kent, and Bridgette Elizabeth (Queenie), only daughter of Mr Austin Copping, of Hovingham, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Christine Copping, of Todmorden, Lancashire.

Mr D.J.G. Scriven and Miss J. Lunnon

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Scriven, of Forest Row, Sussex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lunnon, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Flight Lieutenant D.J. Storr and Miss P.M.L. Birch

The engagement is announced between Daniel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Storr, of Lincolnshire, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Birch, of Sheffield.

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BIRTHS

CARELLO - On November 18th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sara (née Ferrara) and Massimo, a son, Alberto, brother to Carlo and Maxi.

DRIVER-DAVIS - On November 4th 1996, to Fiona Jane and John, a beautiful daughter, Freya Mary.

ELLIOTT - On 16th November, to Catherine (née Lawrence) and Rupert, a son, Hector Edmund Murray, a brother for Eliza.

FITZSIMONS - On November 15th 1996 at St Mary's Paddington, to Susannah (née Hyde) and Paul, a daughter, Chloe Louise, a sister for Emily Clare.

GREENWOOD - On November 13th, to Carina and James, a son, Alfred Carwithen.

HOLLOWAY - On 18th November in Bristol, to Emma (née Samuelson) and John, a son, Cameron Edward.

KEMP - On 12th November, to Mary (née Sell) and Andrew, a daughter, Amber Sophia, a sister for Lauren.

KYNASTON - On 19th November 1996 at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Serena and Marius, a son, Thomas Charles.

McGOVERN - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Joanne (née Barnett) and Jonathan, a son, Edward Sebastian.

NORMAN - On November 14th, to Alexandra (née Holcroft) and Andrew, a son, Angus James Bethune, a brother for Natasha.

RAPLEY - On 16th November 1996, in Hastings, to Teresa (née Standen) and Guy, a son, Thomas Elliott.

ROBERTSON - On 13th November 1996, to Isobel (née Grant) and Graham, a son, George James.

RODICK - On November 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Beverley (née Webb) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Annabel.

SARPHIE - On November 8th 1996, to Anna (née Bellhouse) and David, a son, Joshua MacLean.

THOMAS - On November 16th, to Elizabeth (née Foley) and David, a son, Hugo James Alexander.

DEATHS

BEVEN - Barbara Joan, peacefully at home on November 18th 1996. Adored wife of H.E. (Jimmy) Beven. Widow of John Warren (dec'd 1941), loved sister of Joyce Cozens, precious mother of Sue and dear mother-in-law of Cecil Benzecry. Dearest granny of Toby, Oliver, Edward and Lucy and great-granny of Rupert and Kitty. Private cremation. No letters please.

BIRD - Royle (Roy) James. Peacefully at Lound Hall Nursing Home on November 16th, aged 78 years. Dearly loved husband of Betty and dear father of David. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, on Tuesday November 26th at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers to R. Rivett Ltd, 15 Carlton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

BUCKLER - Peacefully on November 17th, Ernest J.W., FBSA, FCIB, of Rye, formerly of National Westminster Bank. Beloved husband of the late Cynthia, much loved father of Guy and Philip and dearly loved father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rye, on Monday 25th November at 1.30pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the RNIB c/o T.W. Foggle & Son, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6QU.

BUXTON - Thomas Fowell Victor died November 14th 1996. Funeral at St Thomas' Church, Upshire, 12 noon on Thursday November 28th.

CLAPHAM - Nara on 17th November suddenly but peacefully at home. Beloved mother of Oonagh and Guy and a devoted and much loved grandmother. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 21st November at 4 pm. Flowers to Barnes & Sons, 112 Devonport Road, London W12. A Memorial Service will be held at St Brides, London on a date to be announced.

CLARK - Ella Dennett (formerly Mayell) On November 16th 1996 in Salisbury aged 93. Mother of Peter, Grandmother of Tim, Nicky and Pippa and Great-Grandmother. Family funeral at Salisbury Crematorium.

COOPER - Sgt. R, 66970050, Rifle Brigade - Green Jackets, died 9 am 17th November (Australian time), 84 years.

COCKIN - George aged 88 years (formerly Bishop of Owerri, Nigeria and Rector of Bainton) died peacefully in hospital on 18th November 1996. The dearly loved husband of Mollie. Service at St Luke's Church, Chestnut Avenue, Willerby, near Hull, on Friday 22nd November at 2.15 pm. Cremation private. No flowers please, donations if desired would be appreciated to be divided between the Kirkella Parish and Church Mission Society.

CORNELL - On 16th November 1996 in London Bridge Hospital, David Francis, aged 70, devoted husband of the late Jill, beloved father of Lucinda, Charles and Damian and dearly beloved grandfather of Ella, Sacha, Christian and Conrad. Funeral - family only. Service of Thanksgiving at St John the Baptist, Penshurst Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd December at 11am. No flowers but donations if desired to Edenbridge Holiday Activities Scheme c/o H.J. Johnston & Sons, Chiddingstone Causeway, Penshurst, Kent TN11 8LE.

DASS - Suraj Lal died peacefully at home in Coonoor, Nilgiris, India on 19th November 1996 aged 86 years, beloved husband of Sushila, father of Brinda, Radhika and Arjun. Formerly Chairman and Managing Director of Stewarts & Lloyds India, Indian Tube Company and India Foils, and Vice Chairman Calcutta Port Trust, he will be sadly missed by his family and all his relations, friends and former colleagues in India and abroad.

DONALDSON - At rest on November 17th, 1996 at home in Kent, Grace, aged 83 years, beloved wife of the late Alexander Swan Donaldson. Formerly of Cheadle, Staffs. Service at Cheadle Parish Church at 10.30 am on Friday November 22nd followed by interment at Cheadle Cemetery. Grace requested that after a long and happy life there should be no mourning. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. Enquiries to J.P. Keates & Son Funeral Directors, tel: (01538) 752164.

DOWNER - Rhoda at Poole Hospital on 16th November 1996 aged 90 years. Enquiries and donations to Tapper Funeral Service tel: (01202) 673164.

FORSYTHE - Cyril, late R.S.M., Royal Artillery, died in Winchester November 15th 1996. Brother of Laura and Phyllis.

GAIN - Geoffrey of Morden College Blackheath, dear brother of Norman and of the late Kenneth, and of his beloved late wife Jeanette, died peacefully on November 17th after a short illness. Requiem mass on Friday November 22nd at 11.30 am St Mary's Catholic Church Blackheath.

GANDY - On Sunday November 17th, suddenly but peacefully at home, John. Dearly loved husband of Jill, father of Carola and William, and grandfather (Farf) of seven. Funreal private. Details of a celebration later.

GORDON-WARREN - Dorothy Stannard (née Pitt), loved mother of Debbie, died suddenly at home in Offham on Sunday 17th November aged 80 years. Thanksgiving Service on Friday 22nd November at Church of St Michael and All Angels, Offham at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations to NSPCC or RNLI. All enquiries to Viner & Sons Ltd, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent, tel: (01732) 842485.

GUEST - Dr. Douglas C.V.O., M.A., Mus.B., aged 80, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, on Monday 18th November peacefully after a long illness. Dearly loved and loving husband of Peggie, much loved father of Sue and Pella, father-in-law of Martin and Simon, and proud grandfather of Jeremy, Robin and Sacha, Cam and Claire. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church Minchinhampton on Saturday 23rd November at 12 o'clock. Family flowers only, donations to Musicians Benevolent Fund or Horsfall House, Minchinhampton, c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors Ltd., Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Glos. Memorial Service in Westminster Abbey will be held in the New Year.

HARPER - In hospital on 18th November Alfred Alexander (Fred) Harper, born in Aberdeen in 1907, Emeritus Professor of Physiology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Funeral Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Thursday 21st November at 12.30 pm. No flowers but donations may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Trust, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3RS.

HERBERT - David Mark, publisher, beloved husband of Brenda and father of Charlie and Emma, quietly at home on 18th November 1996. Funeral service at St Peter de Beauvoir, De Beauvoir Road, London N1 at 12 noon on Tuesday, 26th November. Family flowers; donations if wished to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London E8 4SA.

HEYDT - Baroness Vera Von Der Heydt, peacefully at St Wilfrid's Convent, Tite Street, London SW3, in her 97th year, on 14th November 1996. Funeral Service and Requiem Mass to take place at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London SW3 on Wednesday, 27th November at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to A. France & Son Ltd, tel: (0171) 405-4901.

HODSON - On 17th November, Betty (Gaggy), 92, loved by so many, died peacefully. Thanksgiving Mass for a great life, 11.30 this Friday, SS. Joseph and Teresa, Chamberlain Street, Wells, followed by burial at Dinder. Cut flowers, c/o Hill and Son, 20 Thomas Street, Wells.

HOLDSWORTH HUNT - Peter on November 15th after a long illness, aged 79. Beloved husband of Molly, father of Christopher and stepfather of Caroline. Funeral Service Tuesday November 26th at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1 at 11 am. All friends welcome. A private cremation will follow. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Horder Ward Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3.

HUTCHESON - Florence Elaine, on 15th November, late of Woollhara and Randwick Sydney, Australia. Donations in her memory to Legacy. Private cremation.

JOPE - Professor Edward Martyn Jope MA FBA FSA, beloved husband of Margaret, suddenly at home on Thursday, 14th November, aged 80 years. The service will take place on Tuesday, 26th November, at 11 am in Oriel College, Oxford. All enquiries to Mr R.J. King, (01865) 310907.

LOUGHMAN - Elizabeth Jean, died peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford on November 16th, aged 70. Much loved wife of Brian and mother of David, Richard and Sarah and grandmother of Patrick, Morwenna and Sarah. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Saturday November 23rd at 11 am. No flowers please; donations to The National Autistic Society c/o Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

MOORE - Joan Mary Mackintosh (née Shaw), formerly of Oxford and St Andrews, died peacefully on November 16th 1996 in Norwich. A loving and much loved mother who will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service to take place at Sprowston Methodist Church, Norwich, at 12 noon on Monday November 25th followed by cremation. Flowers or donations if desired in aid of Oxfam which may be sent c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, St Stephens Square, Norwich.

OGILVY MacLEAN - Suddenly at Kirriemuir on November 19th 1996, Charles Alastair of Balnaboth, dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Elizabeth Anne, Hector and Lindy and a loving grandfather. Service in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Kirriemuir, on Friday November 22nd at 2.30 pm. Funeral thereafter to Parkgrove Crematorium, Friockheim arriving 4 pm.

REINDORF - Joe, beloved father and grandfather, respected barrister, at home in Accra with his family, 17th November 1996. Funeral at Ridge Church, Accra, next week.

RING - Monica on 16th November at home. Beloved mother of Carola, mother-in-law of Henry and widow of Charles. Funeral at Puddletown Church 2 pm on Monday 25th November. Family flowers; donations if wished payable to St Mary's Church, Puddletown.

ROBINSON - J.A. on November 15th 1996 peacefully at Husbands Bosworth aged 98 years. Sometime Second Master (JAR) at Sebright School, Wolverley. Funeral Service at Church Lawford on Wednesday November 27th at 12.30 pm. No flowers please.

STULTIENS - Peter James, on Thursday November 14th, aged 58. Dearly beloved son of Kate, husband of Claire, father of Vashti and Richard and brother of Jeff. Missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at St Mary-the-Virgin, Mursley, Bucks, on Tuesday November 26th at 1.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations for Milton Keynes Community Trust (please mark cheques "Coronary Care Endowment Fund" on reverse), to H.W. Mason, Funeral Directors, 68a Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

TIPPING - Major George Hibbert, husband of the late Thelma Tipping and formerly of Wallasey, Cheshire, suddenly on November 11th aged 84. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Esher at 12.15 pm on Monday, November 25th followed by burial at Long Ditton Lawn. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Princess Alice Hospice Trust Ltd. to be sent to Frederick Paine Funeral Directors at 265 Ewell Road, Surbiton.

VANE - Beryl died peacefully on 14th November. A Requiem service is to be held at Cirencester Parish Church of St John Baptist on Thursday 21st November at 11 am, followed by committal at Taddington Church, Derbyshire on Friday 22nd November at 2pm.

WINSTANLEY - Oliver Barker aged 74. Peacefully in hospital on 16th November. Beloved husband of Peggy, father of Louise, Annabelle and Andrew, and grandfather of Mathieu, Mélanie and Geoffroy, Palmer, Peter and Mark. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 11.30am on Tuesday 26th November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o E.R. Hicknott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DENNISON - The Sultan's Armed Forces Association will hold a Memorial Service for Malcolm Dennison on Wednesday 11th December 1996 at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London W1 at 1430hrs.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

DRAKE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Eric Drake CBE DL will be held on Tuesday 10th December 1996 at noon at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London EC3.

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PROFESSOR BRYAN KEITH-LUCAS

Bryan Keith-Lucas, CBE, Professor of Government, University of Kent, 1965-77, died on November 7 aged 84. He was born on August 1, 1912.

Bryan Keith-Lucas took an unfashionable area of the British constitution and made it his own. Yet his interest in local government, especially in parish councils and the historic boroughs and counties of England, was not solely academic. He was a fierce believer in grassroots democracy and was much involved in devising systems through which local communities could have a real say in their affairs. Furthermore, he was an active participant in local government, serving as a city councillor in Oxford for 15 years and, from 1964 to 1970, chairing the National Association of Parish Councils.

Bryan Keith-Lucas was born at Fen Ditton, the son of the Cambridge physiologist Dr Keith Lucas, FRS. He was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read history and then economics. His involvement in local government began when he joined the town clerk's department at Kensington Town Hall where, on qualifying as a solicitor, he was appointed assistant solicitor to the royal borough in 1938.

As a student, Keith-Lucas had seen himself as a pacifist and, on the outbreak of the Second World War, being secure in a reserved occupation, he need not have volunteered for military service. However, he decided to enlist as a private in the Buffs, in due course receiving a commission and serving with the Sherwood Foresters in the North African and Italian campaigns. He was mentioned in dispatches and ended the war as a major serving as DAAG in Cyprus.

At the end of the war he moved from Kensington to Nottinghamshire County Council and then in 1948 he switched from local government to academic life, becoming a senior lecturer in local government at Oxford. In 1952 he published the standard *History of Local Government Franchise* and edited the second edition of Redlich and Hirst's *History of English Local Government.*

Keith-Lucas was a meticulous researcher who rediscovered long-forgotten characters and issues from the neglected county archives and gave them new life. It was then a measure of his skill and enthusiasm as a teacher that he could take a topic, perhaps one as uncompromising as 19th-century municipal drainage in England, and weave it into a lecture of humour and drama, impersonating to the full the pompous aldermen, dishonest town clerks and odious officials he had unearthed.

From his perspective, modern allegations of sleaze in public life had established precedents. In his work *The Unreformed Local Government System* (1980) he wrote of the state of the boroughs prior to 1835 that they were startling in their "corruption and mismanagement".

Being well aware of the dangers as well as the merits of local democracy, Keith-Lucas was ideally placed to advise governments. In 1954 he went to Sierra Leone to chair a committee on the electoral system. In 1955-56 he was in Mauritius, in 1963 in Lagos, and in 1975 he travelled to Fiji. In Britain from 1964 to 1967, he was a member of the Mallaby committee examining the staffing of local government, and in 1956 was appointed to the Local Government Commission for England.

Keith-Lucas was closely involved in establishing two new institutions of higher education. As a Faculty Fellow of the young Nuffield College at Oxford and from 1957 to 1965 its domestic bursar, he helped to create an environment in which practising politicians felt free to test their ideas with leading political scientists and theoreticians.

Then, on moving to the University of Kent at Canterbury in 1965 as the first Professor of Government, he set out to recreate the atmosphere of Oxford collegiate life in a modern campus setting. In 1970 he became the first Master of Darwin College.

The hospitality of Keith-Lucas and his wife Mary will be recalled with pleasure by hundreds of undergraduates and visiting academics. He would delight in recounting how their garden was an old burial ground and their home had once served as a "penny-a-night" doss house.

At Oxford Keith-Lucas had served as a vigorous and independently minded city councillor, using his specialist knowledge of local government law to good effect. In Canterbury it was his wife who became active in local politics, bravely challenging the then Conservative domination of the council by being elected as a Liberal member.

Keith-Lucas's interest and involvement in local affairs covered much ground. He was president of the Kent Federation of Amenity Services, of the Wye Historical Society and of the Kent Association of Parish Councils — to give just a few examples.

He retired as Professor of Government at the University of Kent in 1977 but remained involved with the university, through the then Kent Society, which he served as president. He received the honorary degree of DLitt from the University of Kent at Canterbury in 1980 and in 1983 he was appointed CBE.

Keith-Lucas was an immensely kind and courteous man whose conservative appearance disguised a radical and forward-looking mind. In the days when political and economic centralisation was in vogue, he advocated local democracy. While he had a wide-ranging network of friends and contacts within the Establishment he never lost his instinct to champion the underdog and neglected causes.

He warned that many of the municipal reforms of the 1970s would have disastrous consequences and his views were considered old-fashioned; yet his fears, as events have shown, were well justified. In his later years he became concerned that changes forced on the universities could destroy the underlying ethos of higher education.

Bryan Keith-Lucas is survived by his wife Mary, and by a son and two daughters.

ANDREW HUTCHINGS

Andrew Hutchings, CBE, former general secretary of the Assistant Masters Association, died on October 30 aged 88. He was born on December 3, 1907.

ANDREW HUTCHINGS served longer at the helm of a teachers' organisation than probably any other teaching union leader. When he retired in 1978 he had completed 39 years as general secretary of the Incorporated Associaton of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools — more commonly known as the Assistant Masters Association. He was the only teachers' leader of his day who could (and did) boast that he had known every Education Minister since Ellen Wilkinson.

Andrew Hutchings's career began in the dark days just before the outbreak of the Second World War and ended with the Assistant Masters Association making peace with its sister organisation the Assistant Mistresses Association to form a new and formidable teachers' union, now known as the Association of Teachers and Lecturers.

He joined the teaching profession after reading mathematics and economics at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Appointed to the staff of Methodist College, Belfast, he was soon representing his colleagues in Northern Ireland and gained a reputation as a skilful negotiator. This led to his appointment as assistant secretary of the AMA in 1936. Within three years he became general secretary, a post he held for some four decades.

He made significant contributions to what proved a period of unprecedented change and turmoil. Between 1941 and 1943 he was part of an official investigation into the state of the curriculum and examinations in secondary schools (the Norwood committee). Flowing from this inquiry was a report which set a new standard in the great education debates that took place during the consensus years after the war.

Teachers were at the heart of that debate and for more than 13 years Hutchings chaired the negotiating body which determined their pay and conditions — the teachers' panel of the Burnham committee. Skill alone is not enough to explain how he held the chair for so long. The high personal esteem afforded to him by his counterparts in other larger teachers' organisations also counted in his favour. Both factors also explain his tenure as chairman of the teachers' side of the committee that negotiated the provisions of the teachers' pension scheme, one of the largest in the public sector.

Throughout his years of union office, Hutchings never ran into the pressures of internal union politics. He deconstructed factions before they had even thought to form. He was a brilliant and charismatic speaker who never used notes, but, with an immaculate sense of timing and mood, could combine playing to the gallery without ever losing touch with the serious political agendas of the times. He interwove an appearance of intellectual effortlessness — even laziness — with an astute sense for what really mattered and when to intervene.

For a time either side of his retirement he was chairman of the National Federation of Educational Research (NFER), the country's major contributor to inquiries into educational standards, teaching methods and objectives. In part this was a just recognition of Hutchings's own contribution to education during the previous 40 years. But it was also a belated gesture of thanks, for in 1945 — in order to help to get the NFER off the ground — he forced the other teacher unions to follow his example by making an important and lasting donation to the foundation's coffers.

A founder member of the Associated Examining Board in 1955, he chaired its executive committee throughout the 1980s. He was vice-chairman of the board when the GCSE replaced O levels and the CSE examination, and until his death he held the honorary position of vice-president. Long after retiring he also chaired the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

Having spent 20 years associated with the International Federation of Secondary Teachers which he had helped to set up, Hutchings was also a well known and respected figure abroad. He served 11 of those years as secretary-general and spent two spells as the federation's president. For more than two decades he was an executive member of the World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession, of which he had also been a founder.

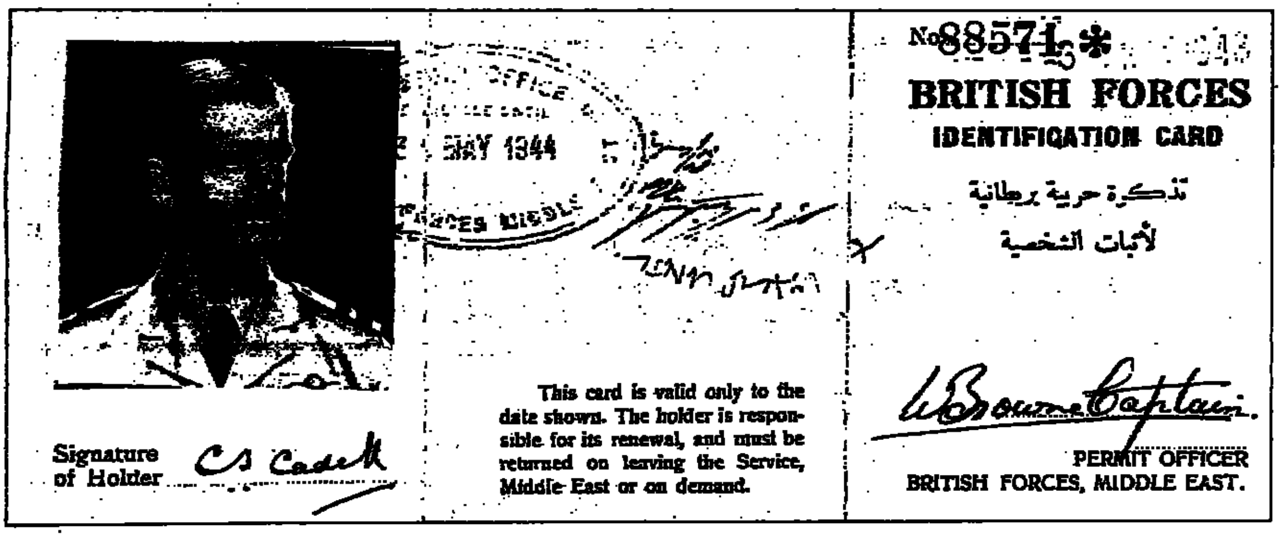
A keen member of the Kennel Club, he was famous for his love of dogs. In partnership with his longstanding friend Norman Blagrave, he bred first Great Danes and (more recently) French bulldogs, some of which were shown successfully at Cruft's. It was Hutchings who bred the Great Dane which, subsequently sold to Norman Scott, was shot by Andrew Newton on Exmoor in 1975.

Elected a Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland in 1963, in 1975 he was created a Fellow of the College of Preceptors. Two years later he was appointed CBE.

He remained unmarried.

COLIN CADELL

Colin Cadell, CBE, electronic engineer, died on October 29 aged 91. He was born on August 7, 1905.



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AS AN RAF officer during the Second World War, Colin Cadell revealed an expertise in the field of electronics which made him a natural choice for Intelligence work. Though he often hankered after active service, he spent much of the war in the Air Ministry. In 1940 he helped to establish 80 Wing — the RAF radio countermeasures unit whose task it was to disrupt the navigation of German bombers by "bending" the radio beams along which they flew. He then moved on to set up the highly successful listening station at Chicksands Priory where a team of WAAFs intercepted enemy signals which were then fed to Bletchley Park to be decrypted.

Cadell was also closely involved with the development of radar, facing the challenge of how to improve its efficiency in Allied hands while simultaneously devising counter-measures to make it much less useful to the enemy.

Born into a military family — his father was a colonel in the Indian Medical Service — Colin Simson Cadell was educated at Merchiston and at Edinburgh University before being commissioned into the RAF in 1926. He decided to specialise in the then challenging new field of electronics and gained a scholarship to the École Supérieure d'Électricité in Paris.

He passed out with honours, and a signals posting might have been expected. But Cadell instead accepted an appointment as ADC to Sir Miles Lampson (later Lord Killearn), the High Commissioner for Egypt. After two happy years in Cairo he returned to Britain in 1936 to command 45 Squadron before being sent to Staff College a year later.

During the Second World War the intense secrecy demanded of Cadell together with the round-the-clock duties expected, put him under enormous pressure. More than once he applied for active service but his skill was too valuable and each time he was refused, except when he was posted for a few months in 1943 to Cairo as Chief Signals Officer, Middle East. He was soon posted back to the Air Ministry.

From 1944 to 1945, as director of telecommunications and then as director of signals, he had a hand in almost every aspect of war in the air and his services were recognised in 1944 when he was appointed CBE. He was also appointed to the American Legion of Merit for his work in radio countermeasures.

After the end of the war Cadell returned to live with his family in Scotland where he served as AOC 66 Group throughout 1946. He was delighted to have the opportunity to be back flying planes, but when in 1947 he was invited by his wartime boss, Air Marshal Sir Victor Tait, to join him working in the civilian sector, Cadell retired from the RAF with the rank of air commodore.

Recognising the urgent need for a reliable organisation to provide worldwide air safety services for passenger flights, they founded International Aeradio in London (IAL). Within four years Cadell, as managing director, had acquired sites and equipment, set up training schools and opened branches of the company in some thirty different countries. But from the first his aim had only been to establish IAL on a permanent footing before passing the management of it on and in 1957 it was handed over to BOAC as a highly successful subsidiary company.

Cadell went on to take up an assignment for the Astor family who wanted to modernise *The Times* by rebuilding Printing House Square, without missing an issue. They also hoped to streamline production but Cadell's electronic plans for this were too far ahead of their time and they were shelved for fear (subsequently shown to be well justified) of resistance from the print unions.

In 1964 Cadell retired, from then on dividing his leisure time between his garden and the bridge table. He served as a non-executive director on the board of the Royal Bank of Scotland. He also served as Vice Lieutenant for West Lothian and was, for 27 years, a member of the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers. He was a staunch churchman and for some thirty years was an elder of the Church of Scotland.

Cadell is survived by his wife, Rosemary, whom he met while in Cairo, and by two sons and a daughter.

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Work on Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace was begun on September 26. The structure needed 4,000 tons of iron, 400 of glass and 600,000 cubic feet of wood. The huge glass building was completed on time for the opening of the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in May 1851.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE IN HYDE-PARK.

The great undertaking grows space. Since our last account of its progress a wonderful advance has been made. The long drawn aisles and terraced elevations spring forth under the eye of the visitor and the immense transept stands ready to receive the arched roof which is to crown it . . .

While construction progresses rapidly, and while every provision is being adopted for the safety of the vast masses of human beings from every part of the globe who next year will flock to visit the Crystal Palace, and its rare and costly furnishings, the chief strength of the hands employed is still engaged in the collection and preparation of materials.

There were no less than 800 to 900 carpenters occupied in "moulding," "bevelling," "drilling," or some other operation of their craft: and the ingenuity with which each of these is carried on, the division of labour observable, the simplicity and regularity with which everything is done, merit and attract the attention and admiration of the visitor.

Not the least interesting feature is the way in which the glaziers carry on their business. With their implements of trade they are mounted on a platform, which moves on wheels running in the gutters of the ridge and valley roof, and thus the long sheets of glass are consigned to their beds with a degree of security and expedition which is truly surprising.

Among other points which attracted our attention was an experiment on a small scale, made under the direction of Mr Owen Jones, to determine the appropriate mode of painting the interior. We cannot congratulate Mr. Jones on the success of this first attempt, which is vulgar in design while the colours are extremely ill-selected. All who are interested in the success of the new building, and are able to influence the style of its embellishments, should interfere to secure for it decorations which may harmonize with its graceful proportions and the flood of light which is to be poured in through its transparent walls and roof.

Looking at the general progress of the undertaking, with nearly 2,000 men at work upon it, with great stores of materials ready for use, the imagination has now little difficulty in realizing to itself, independently of the plans, by a personal inspection, what the Crystal Palace will be. The architect will trace the first idea of its long aisles and great central dome back to the splendid baths of the Romans, and especially those of Diocletian and Caracalla.

The modern engineer will point to the triumphs of skill by which a structure composed entirely of iron, wood and glass, without a brick or an inch of mortar, is to be stretched over 18 acres of ground. In watching its growth from week to week we can only regret that when the work is completed and the end attained, the visitors to Hyde Park next year will but dimly gather from the results the full expression and character of that well-directed energy and skill which, notwithstanding its novelty, gave effect to Mr Paxton's design.

That novelty consisted chiefly in combining the idea of long aisles and central domes, derived from the Romans, with the iron roofs of our railway stations and conservatories . . .

How to preserve the commission's aura of niceness

Cosy head for a cut-throat world

"Cut-throat" and "competition" usually go hand in hand. One of the many paradoxes of British broadcasting is the general air of niceness prevailing at the top of the Independent Television Commission, while over at the non-commercial cultural bastion of the BBC, bad blood reigns. The BBC staff think John Birt is "more repulsive than right", according to John Simpson, the BBC's foreign editor, writing in *The Sunday Telegraph*, and he is one of Birt's winners.

Perhaps the real enigma of the ITC, which regulates commercial television, is the personality of the outgoing chairman, Sir George Russell. How can a man be supremo of so much, yet be so unassuming? He has headed the ITC since 1990, and its predecessor, the Independent Broadcasting Authority, since 1989. Since 1993 he has been non-executive chairman of Marley Tiles and of the 3i Group, and since 1995, of the Camelot Group, which runs the National Lottery. Earlier, he served as chief executive of everything from Marley to Alcan Aluminium, tucking in meanwhile other public service stints on the IBA, Channel 4, ITN and the Northern Industrial Development Board, to name but a few.

BRENDA MADDOX

For a brief moment last year, Sir George looked as if he might be the man to spread sweetness and light as new chairman of the troubled BBC. But his appointment to Camelot ruled that out. Now, at 61, due to leave the ITC by the end of the year, he seems to have no wish to carrying on regulating.

The Department of National Heritage is taking a long time to reveal the name of the successor. Even the Labour Party seems to have been consulted — a nicety of bipartisanship not exhibited when Sir Christopher Bland was given the BBC chairmanship. But who would want the job? The ITC chairmanship pays only about £63,000 a year, in contrast to the BBC chairman's £80,000. What's more, it looks as if all the hard decisions have been taken. Sir George presided over the handing out of the ITV (Channel 3) regional franchises in 1993 and the new Channel 5 franchise in 1995. Over both contents, he and the ITC were challenged in court, and won.

The next chairman will not, thank God, have to conduct another franchise round. All the existing ITV licence holders have ten licences, for which they can reapply for renewal as soon as 1998. They might in time seek some levelling-out of the different sums they have to pay to broadcast. But the conditions for such realignment are laid down by law. So what's left to be done? Maybe the new man (and I'm reliably informed it will be a man) will have nothing to do but steer.

Unless you remember that the ITC has to police cable and satellite as well as terrestrial television, and that its job, on both sides of the divide, includes that of promoting fair competition. This job is going to get tougher as these new channels proliferate.

Keeping the rules fair and clear between satellite and cable is no easy matter. Any day now, for example, the ITC will launch an inquiry into Sky Television's sales package called "bundling". Cable operators protest that Sky (partly owned by News International, owners of *The Times*) refuses to allow them to offer their subscribers the popular Disney Channel unless these consumers also buy two pay-TV film channels as well.

At the same time the ITC must keep both cable and satellite channels from violating its rules on acceptability in programmes and advertising. Yet it must allow them, as specialised services purchased by consumers, more latitude than is allowed free, or on terrestrial television.

The television commission's hardest task may be to clarify to the public why cable and satellite channels are regulated more lightly than terrestrial television is — on news, on the 9pm watershed, on educational, children's and religious programmes. The commission, in other words, applies dual standards. That there should be looser rules for pay channels of which there is no scarcity is not an easy or popular idea to get across.

Then there is still the ITC's main job: preserving competition between the ITV companies, which is still the most popular channel in Britain. The commission must remain vigilant at keeping free advertising off the screen, as a service to advertisers as well as viewers.

On every channel, it will have to crack down on bad language. People now care more, not less, about the deterioration in the currency of acceptable speech. Were that not enough, the ITC must supervise its corner of the newly sprung thicket of digital terrestrial television.

All in all, there is plenty for the new chairman to do in a tough, niggling job that lacks the grandeur of the BBC chairmanship yet carries the risks of landing up in court. Let us hope that whoever gets the job will be able to preserve the commission's aura of niceness. Commercial television is, in itself, not a cosy business.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Royal humour causes dread

AS THE Christmas party season approaches, staff at the Duke of York's home, Sunninghill, are apparently consumed with dread. The source of their anxiety is not whether they should mention the Duchess's cringing performance on the BBC's *Ruby Wax* show, but having to endure another of the Duke's "excruciating" speeches.

Each year the Duke and Duchess stage a party to thank their staff for putting up with what must be one of the least sought-after jobs in the country. However, they are hoping the Duke will improve on his speech last year, which made many squirm with embarrassment.

"What says 'Morning, Morning, Morning?'" asked the Duke as his final crescendo. "A mole in Fred West's garden," beamed the Duke to stunned silence.

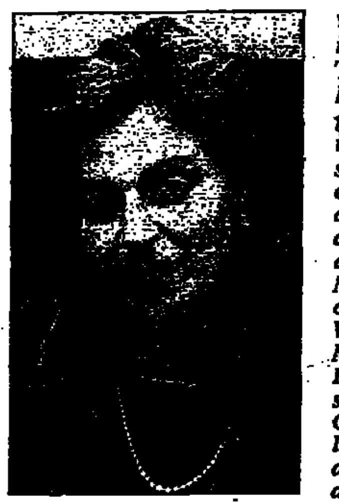
● *PROVING that media executives rarely learn by their mistakes, Live TV has invited BBC cameras back into its offices for a sequel to the compelling if damning* Nightmare At Canary Wharf.

A year after BBC2 screened the documentary, which recorded the flagging fortunes of the Mirror Group's TV station and the hellish problems of its then first lady Janet Street-Porter, we are to be treated to New Broom, *a film about Kelvin MacKenzie's current reign. The 40-minute feature forms part of a new series on company directors. The same crew that recorded Street-Porter shrieking "If they tell me one more time why it's not working, I'll throw the phone out of the f*****g window", has now followed Mr News Bunny around his revamped empire, apparently recording some of his less than flattering remarks about other executives.*

Neil's recruit

THINGS are looking up for Sue Douglas, gutsy former Editor of the *Sunday Express*, who has spent the past few weeks at home on enforced gardening leave after being ousted from her job.

She is expected to take up a senior position on *The Scotsman* where her friend and mentor Andrew Neil was recently recruited by the Barclay Brothers to become the group's Editor-in-Chief. It was Neil who recommended Douglas for the *Express* job and it was Neil who lamented her exit from Ludgate House, remarking "Sue Douglas will make a brilliant editor one day."



Douglas: senior position

WHAT can have happened to give rise to the deluge of key BBC figures who have stood up this week to give praise for the reforms of John Birt?

First we had the Beeb's war veteran John Simpson waxing lyrical in The Sunday Telegraph, *closely followed by the director of programmes Alan Yentob who, in his inaugral Bafta lecture, spoke of the painful-but-necessary changes brought about by Saint Birt. Yesterday Sir Christopher Bland addressed the Westminster Media Forum on the advance of the digital age and today Will Wyatt speaks to the Media Society about how British broadcasting represents great value for money. Could this be in any way linked to the fact that a decision on whether to grant an increase in the licence fee is being made next week? Surely not.*

Evans in favour

AT LAST the poor, put-upon Chris Evans has found favour with a broadcasting watchdog. The man who has had no fewer than eight complaints upheld against him has emerged victorious from another run-in with the Independent Television Commission over his anarchic Channel 4 programme *TFI Friday*.

Viewers complained about a scene in which Evans brandished a powerdrill and proceeded to make holes in furniture to illustrate his spending habits. Parents claimed it set a bad example to children. But for once the ITC was on Evans's side. A spokesman said it was all part of the Evans humour. "The ITC noted that *TFI Friday*, and its presenter in particular, had a well-established reputation for idiosyncratic and wacky humour. In this instance the drill was used to develop a long-running joke about his spending habits," said a statement. "Items such as aerosols, kitchen knives etcetera pose particular problems because they are easily accessible in the home. This is not the case with power tools."

Evans: appreciated

Takeaways cook up a new medium

ADVERTISING

ALTERNATIVE media are always attempting to impress themselves upon the advertising fraternity, from the bottoms of golf holes to petrol pump nozzles and even branded bibs for cows. The latest entrant to challenge the traditional might of newspapers and television is the lids on top of takeaway meals, and none other than EMI is to become the first advertiser to try out the fledgeling medium.

The records giant is mounting a month-long campaign with five million takeaways across the nation promoting a series of cut-price CDs and tapes, starting on November 25. The ad will incorporate the number of a 24-hour phoneline for people to call direct and order their bargains.

An EMI spokeswoman claims all the artists involved, from Blur to Robert Palmer, have either been "highly amused" at the promotion or are "extremely supportive", which is surprising. One would have thought there would be alarm at a close association between the fine art that is popular music and stuff that gets chucked in bins.

AN INDUSTRY initiative has been launched to encourage agencies and their clients to do job swaps, in order to improve understanding of one another's businesses.

Agency and advertiser trade associations are joining forces to organise secondments for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months within counterpart companies.

Both bodies are to target the chief executives of the top 20 agencies and advertisers in order to promote this happy process of mutual learning.

"Advertising needs to be controlled, and systematic but at the same time inspirational, innovative and fun. There is a danger that clients only understand the first half and agencies the second, but for good advertising to come about both sides have to be understood," says a supporter.

DESPITE protestations to the contrary, Wrangler appears to have caved in and hired an agency to "do a Levi's" with its advertising.

Last week the beleaguered jeans company appointed Abbott Mead Vickers to handle its £16 million pan-Euro campaign, no doubt finding irresistible the timely arrival of a new creative duo, Nick Worthington and John Gorsc, who just happened to have worked on the rival Levi's business while at Bartle Bogle Hegarty.

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GRANADA TELEVISION

Gritty realism — or too much for audiences? Jane Tennison (Helen Mirren) confronts The Street (Steven Mackintosh) in *Prime Suspect V*

Is television going soft on violence?

Programme-makers fear they are being stifled in a new era of censorship, says **Maggie Brown**

In the new series of *Common as Muck* to be screened by the BBC in January, one of the binmen, played by Roy Hudd, makes a bungled attempt to hang himself. It should be one of those bitter, black comic scenes which experienced producers relish and audiences watch with bated breath.

But long before the scene was shot, the question of how much to show was referred upwards to an editorial policy executive.

The episode was talked through in detail in a way it would not have been a year or two ago. It stayed in, but the camera did not show the act of putting up the electric flex, nor linger on the stool kicked away, in case it encouraged vulnerable imitators.

That is the new convention covering screen suicide: in another BBC1 Sunday night drama series, *Harvest Moon* (also for the new year), about Welsh cattle drovers, a man hangs himself. Again audiences will see the effect, not the way he does it.

Is this censorship — or simply a sign that the sensibilities of the audience are being considered at last? The one certainty is that screen violence and the way television can affect behaviour for the worse remains a highly charged political issue — especially in a delicate pre-election period. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has called the chairmen of the BBC and ITV to a meeting on the issue early next month.

"When you get horrific crimes such as Dunblane, or the knifing of a school head, it is inevitable that people ask questions about the effects of film, video and television," says David Glencross, the former chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, which regulates commercial television.

He says that the tendency has been for violent but acclaimed dramas, such as Granada's *Cracker*, or *Prime Suspect*, to get round programme guidelines by not showing the actual act of violence — the knife going in — but concentrating on the effects, like the stabbed policeman inching towards the door, as his lifeblood drains away.

But the ITC, for all its formal programme code, works in a more subtle way than the BBC: it is a regulator, not a broadcaster. It is trying to influence television companies behind the scenes by quietly pointing out that the audience prefers less violence and that it is not necessary for high ratings.

According to senior programme-makers, the new caution over violence, sex and bag language is most clearly seen within the BBC. There, the increased tendency to "refer upwards" is combining with a growing culture of public accountability.

The result can be a brake on the work of more creative programme-makers. "It is sending a strong message to the talent that the BBC is not in the business of making programmes for people aged over ten," says one senior producer bitterly. Piers Haggart, chairman of the Directors' Guild film and television committee, says: "It is sad, and a typically reactionary way of acting."

Alan Plater, the award-winning dramatist, described in a recent newspaper article his feelings of despair in dramatising novels about an old-style copper for the corporation. He revealed how his scripts were sent off to London, with the swear words highlighted, and returned toned down. He managed to rescue the word "pillock" only by pointing out that it was good enough for Shakespeare.

'The BBC is now aimed at people aged less than ten'

The new mood also seems closely linked to the arrival of Sir Christopher Bland as a vigorous Chairman of the BBC seven months ago. His move to Broadcasting House was marked, unusually, by the publication of an open letter from Virginia Bottomley.

In it she pointedly referred to his role in safeguarding standards. "Standards of taste and decency are also an issue about which there is [particular public concern]; and you know of Parliament's strength of feeling about the need to maintain high standards."

Shortly afterwards the BBC's fledgeling Programme Complaints Unit was given a higher profile, and the chairman demanded that programme-makers *paid* particular attention to the corrections and lessons handed out. Sources within the Broadcasting Standards Council, the taste and decency watchdog which covers all broadcasting (and which in the summer reported a perceived decline in screen violence), say privately that since Bland's arrival the BBC is far more prepared to admit it makes mistakes, rather than stand by programme-makers.

All of this has been given a new focus with the publication last week of the BBC's updated guidelines to proucers. It includes an expanded section on violence in drama, urging particular care in six special areas, ranging from domestic and sexual violence to suicide attempts. On strong language, it says: "Programme-makers should constantly ask themselves whether it will simply alienate a large part of the audience." It is also clear that drama reconstructions of domestic violence and murder — such as the one devoted to Sara Thornton — would be hard to make again.

Michael Chaplin, the former Head of Programmes at BBC Wales, who is now writing drama series for the BBC, says he finds nothing wrong in principle with programme makers being asked to consider what they are doing, since they can live in an enclosed and highly privileged world. "But I would be concerned if on a whole range of artistic issues I lost substantive control."

Programme guidelines started becoming generally known to the public in the late 1970s. (*Though there were* always internal rules; in the 1950s a BBC radio rule reportedly said the phrase "winter draws on" was suitable for the Light Programme but too rude for the Home Service or Third Programme.)

Much of the debate in the 1980s, when the BBC first published its rules, covered TV journalism, especially the lessons to be drawn from footage of tragedy and disaster beamed in indiscriminately by satellite.

The fear now is that these rules, factual in origin, are being extended into other programmes, including fiction, as if the events of a drama were real. Now a rule banning the camera lingering on bodies, or close-ups of distressed people, might well join faked suicides as events no longer deemed suitable for audiences. This would certainly water down dramatic impact, as the cameras retreat.

But then, the boundaries of taste and decency continually shift.

Murky dealings over Fergie book

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

Clive Hollick, chief executive of the United News and Media Group, returns to London from Hong Kong today to confront a serious crisis at *The Express*, the group's flagship seven-day newspaper. As Fleet Street's newest media mogul who is investing millions in the revival of *The Express*, it will be his first confrontation with the murkier world of Fleet Street and the quest by editors for "spoilers" to destroy the impact of a rival newspaper's scoop.

On his desk will be the report of an internal inquiry into the professional conduct of deputy editor Ian Monk, who has effectively edited *The Express* for some of the year while Editor-in-Chief, Richard Addis, has reorganised the paper into a new seven-day operation. Four other senior executives were also interviewed yesterday.

The inquiry will ask how Mr Monk came to be in possession of a photocopy of a stolen copy of Allan Starkie's inside account of the secret life of Sarah, Duchess of York, due to be serialised by the *Daily Mail*. A photocopy of the book then seems to have been offered for sale to *The Sun* by Mr Monk's wife — who was arrested at Heathrow on November 1 on suspicion of theft and receiving stolen goods.

The story of how *The Express* acquired a copy of the Starkie book has damaged its reputation at a moment in its history when Mr Addis has claimed the moral high ground by joining Andrew Marr, Editor of *The Independent*, in a effort to raise standards in Fleet Street and combat the culture of "attack journalism". Yet *The Express* now stands accused of using a purloined copy of the Starkie book in a dirty-tricks campaign to "spoil" the serialisation in the *Mail*, its main rival, destroy its impact and diminish its sales.

Winning the battle for the rights to serialise the Starkie revelations against competition from *The Sun*, *News of the World* and *Daily Mirror* — *The Express* did not bid and did not therefore sign any oath of confidentiality — was a coup for Paul Dacre, Editor of the *Mail*, even though he may have suspected that the market in Fergie-mania had been saturated by the earlier revelations in the *Mirror* from "Madame Vasso".

Earlier this year there had been newspaper bids of up to £450,000 for the rights to serialise the Duchess's own story — which eventually went to *Hello* for much less — but the market had fallen after the Vasso book was published. Mr Dacre got the book for only £101,000.

When the boot is on the other foot, the *Daily Mail* itself is no slouch at spoilers. So Mr Dacre knew that his rivals would be trying to spoil his scoop. So did the publisher, Michael O'Mara, who published Andrew Morton's *Diana, Her True Story*. To protect his deal with the *Daily Mail* and ensure that it could not be seen by Mr Dacre's rivals, Mr O'Mara did not even print the book until the serialisation began.

He seems to have reckoned without the sleuthing skills of Fleet Street. Within days a messenger arrived at Cox and Wyman in Reading, one of Britain's leading printers, bearing ostensible letters from Mr O'Mara and Mr Starkie asking for two copies of the proofs. The letters were forgeries and Cox and Wyman were not even the printers of the book. The messenger was sent packing.

Meanwhile there were several attempts to obtain copies of the book from the Finnish printers. One caller even pretended he was Mr O'Mara. A Finnish woman was arrested as she offered to sell a copy of the book to a British tabloid.

Security in Finland was watertight but not in Pennsylvania, where the American edition was being prepared. An set of proofs leaked from the plant and arrived in the offices of *The Star*, America's mass-market weekly tabloid. Soon afterwards the book was touted in Britain.

On Thursday October 31 and especially Friday November 1, the day before the *Mail's* serialisation was due to start, several illicit copies of the book were being hawked round Fleet Street. A copy of the book was faxed to Mr Addis's office on Thursday night when three photocopies were taken. Another photocopy of the proofs followed by courier next day. That was subsequently shredded on the order of Mr Addis who stood by to witness the shredding. One of the main questions before the inquiry will be how a photocopy then got into Mr Monk's briefcase.

'Spoilers don't spoil. It's all about editors' egos'

Shortly before noon next day Charles Rae, royal correspondent of the *Sun*, was called by a woman saying she had a copy of the Starkie manuscript. She denied it was stolen and said she was willing to sell it. Rae's impression was that she was Finnish but was checking her answers with another woman.

The Sun, however, already knew that its New York correspondent would be seeing *The Star* report from the book that night. Anxious to protect its scoop, it warned Mr O'Mara that copies of the book were being offered for sale, meanwhile arranging a meeting with the woman at the Excelsior hotel, Heathrow, and saying she would be met by the *News of the World*. Mr O'Mara rang the police who went along, and arrested Anita Monk.

On Saturday, when the *Daily Mail* began its serialisation, the *Express* spoiler, mainly written by Ross Benson, was spread across three pages. As the *Mail* boasted across the top of its front page: "Fergie, The Book She Tried To Ban". *The Express* replied with a Fergie story asking: "Will She Lose Her Children?". It ran Benson's story at length and described Fergie's anguish over Starkie's "sordid book". The story rated a single column on the front of *The Sun*.

Ian Monk, who moved to *The Express* with Mr Addis from the *Daily Mail* and who has a reputation as a hard-driving news man, is now helping the *Express* inquiry. There have been reports, denied by Mr Addis and Mr Monk, that he has been asked to resign with a pay-off.

Yesterday, *Express* staff were rallying to his support. More than a hundred signed a petition of confidence in his journalistic ability. He said: "I am confident that any inquiry will confirm that I have done nothing which conflicts with the best journalistic interests of the Express."

Among the questions that the inquiry will ask are how and why a copy of the purloined book was being offered to *The Sun* at Heathrow and whether any money collected from *The Sun* was to be paid to *The Express*. It will also need to ask if Mr Monk acted with or with out authorisation from Mr Addis and if there was any authorised attempt to share the spoiler with any other newspaper to spike the *Daily Mail*.

Several other questions are worth asking. One is whether newspaper spoilers ever achieve their aim. On the Saturday that the *Mail* began its serialisation, despite the efforts of *The Express* and *The Sun*, it achieved the highest sale in its history of 2.8 million. "Spoilers don't spoil," says Mr O'Mara. "I've never known a spoiler that spoilt. It's all about editors' egos. They feel they have been cuckolded if a rival gets a scoop."

One question for Lord Hollick is whether *The Express*, which lives or dies by some of the age-old practices in newspaper wars, is wise to claim a place on the moral high ground of journalism.

Lawyers blame the press for prejudicing fair trials

A law banning payments to witnesses will cause even more problems. **Richard Stott** reports

Peter Bessell is a long dead and forgotten, discredited and duplicitous former Liberal MP who made you involuntarily clutch your wallet as soon as he entered a room.

His greatest claim to fame was, as one of the chief prosecution witnesses in the trial of Jeremy Thorpe for conspiracy to murder back in *the 1970s. His reputation* — such as it was — was destroyed at the trial because among other things it was revealed that *The Sunday Telegraph* had not only agreed to pay him for his story but to bung him another £25,000 if Thorpe was convicted.

Now this is about as daft as you can get as well as being pretty close to contempt of court. But the whole thing has been dragged up again nearly 20 years later because Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is considering introducing legislation to ban payments to witnesses by newspapers in criminal trials.

He has been stirred to act because of the number of witnesses in the Rosemary West case who had been paid by newspapers, magazines, television and book companies. *On the face of it*, the Lord Chancellor's concern seems justified. How can a jury be sure that witnesses are not embroidering the truth *to line their own pockets*? This must be a worry that goes right to the heart of a fair trial.

But does it? The Lord Chancellor's evidence to support this assertion is very thin gruel. *He produces four big cases*: Thorpe, Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, Peter Sutcliffe and West. Yet Thorpe's is the only case in 30 years where there is any suggestion that witness payment *had any effect* on the jury. Even this example must be taken together with the increasingly obvious fact as the trial proceeded that Bessell was a very tricky customer indeed.

In the Moors murder case the Attorney-General specifically decided that payment to the chief prosecution witness had not affected the outcome *of the trial. In Sutcliffe the* issue never arose: the row there was about the payments to relatives and friends, not covered by the Press Complaints Commission code of conduct: it was *not about payments to witnesses*. The Court of Appeal decided in the West case that there was insufficient evidence and the contracts to pay did not render the convictions unsafe.

The Thorpe and West trials were a cause for concern

This should be enough to ensure that the Mackay plan does not hatch. With that kind of history it can hardly be the most pressing piece of legislation. But the antecedence is as nothing compared with the problems created by a non-payment law.

If witnesses really are tempted to change or embellish their stories for cash before the case, imagine the position if several witnesses are vying for top dollar after the case. Are they not more likely to ginger up their memories a bit in the witness box if they know they have to compete with others at the end of the trial? Or are we to ban payment completely? If so, will that include books? A number of bestsellers would bite the dust if that were the case: accounts by rape victims and the unjustly accused who are cleared will all be banned. It is clearly absurd.

The puzzling thing about all this is why the Lord Chancellor is bothering. The cases he dredges up are few and far between and the evidence is unconvincing.

It could be that lawyers are discovering that their best chance with "difficult" cases is to find a way of blaming the press for prejudicing a fair trial and the legal establishment is having problems combating it.

This tactic is being used more often, from the West case to the Geoff Knights *assault trial*, which was abandoned because, according to the trial judge, of "outrageous, unfair and oppressive" reporting. The only trouble there was that the judge's hysterical view was not shared by the appeal court in subsequent contempt of court actions against newspapers. These were all cleared, with the Attorney-General having to fork out a fortune in legal costs.

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Rwanda arms inquiry to report in weeks

■ Ministers ordered a speedy investigation into allegations that a British company sent weapons to the former Rwandan Government while its army was involved in genocide. Officials from six departments have been told to report on disclosures that Mil-Tec Corporation sent £3 million of arms .. **Pages 1, 15**

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The bottom school in the national examination league tables was praised by inspectors, who said that standards were rising even though no pupil gained five high-grade GCSEs..................... **Page 7**

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The first snowfall of winter in Cannock, Staffordshire, yesterday. The bad weather caused a crash which blocked the nearby M6

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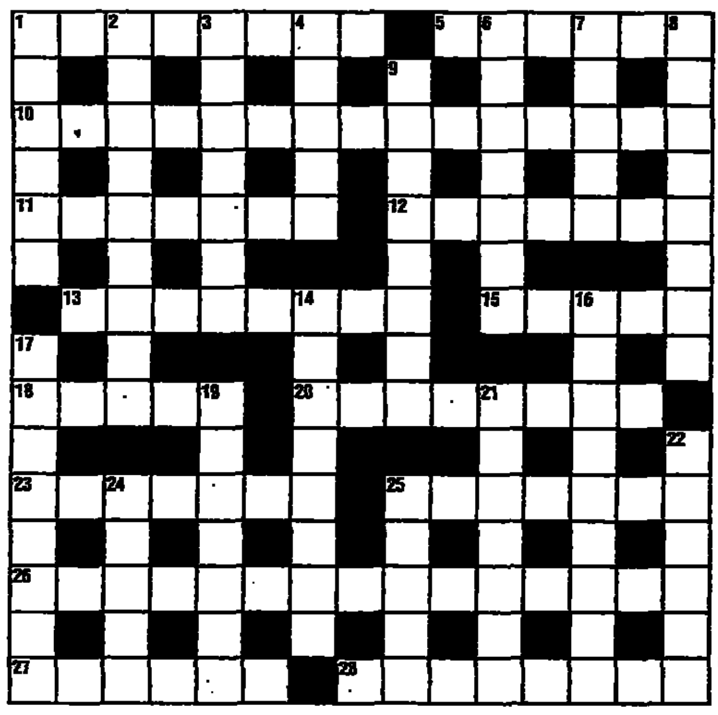

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20 Most unpleasant wine kept in the home (8).
23 A recluse gets hold of married social-worker (7).
25 Money needed by the Queen to cover one fire (7).
26 Grounds for an optimistic outlook (3,8,4).
27 English thinker reflected, becoming abstract (6).
28 Repeatedly try to show agreement (4,4).

DOWN

1 War film about doctor (6).
2 Gipsy girl dares male to misbehave (9).
3 Worker on strike gets basic provision (4-3).
4 Way rook circles over perch (5).
6 At foot of page there's careless assumption (7).
7 Eccentric and, to some extent, without reason (5).
8 Those no longer performing may be demanding types (8).
9 Letter combinations author initially placed in special grids (8).
14 Movie presentation that's peculiarly American (8).
16 Provoke in the street one football crowd (9).
17 Sitting tenant? Not legally so (8).
19 From end of giant insect, strange wax appears (7).
21 One may have secret knowledge making home brew, we hear (7).
22 Dealer putting up, for example, Titian paintings (6).
24 Proper society events in the countryside (5).
25 Rank team-leader assumed in action (5).

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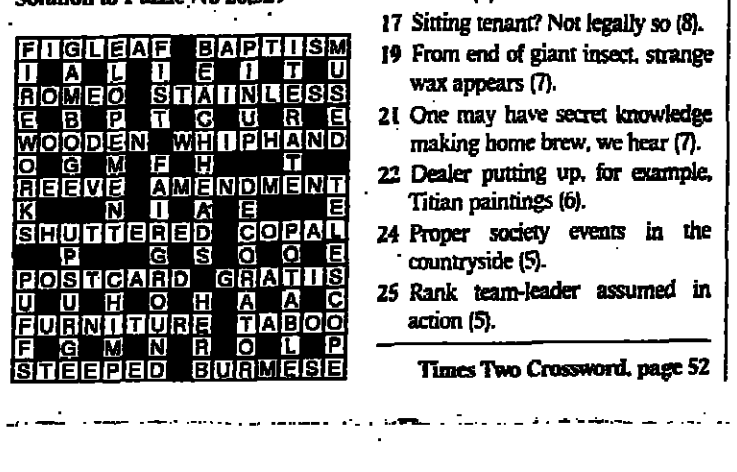

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** A deep centre of low pressure over the English Channel will move east and fill slowly, leaving an strong, unstable northerly airflow over the British Isles.

England and Wales will be wet and windy, with sleet or snow down to quite low levels.

Clearer, brighter weather will spread from the northwest, but the rain or sleet will be slow to clear the southeast corner. It will be windy, with gales in places.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have overnight fog, freezing in places and slow to clear in the morning.

Most places will have clear or sunny spells, with wintry showers in the north and northwest. It will be generally cold.

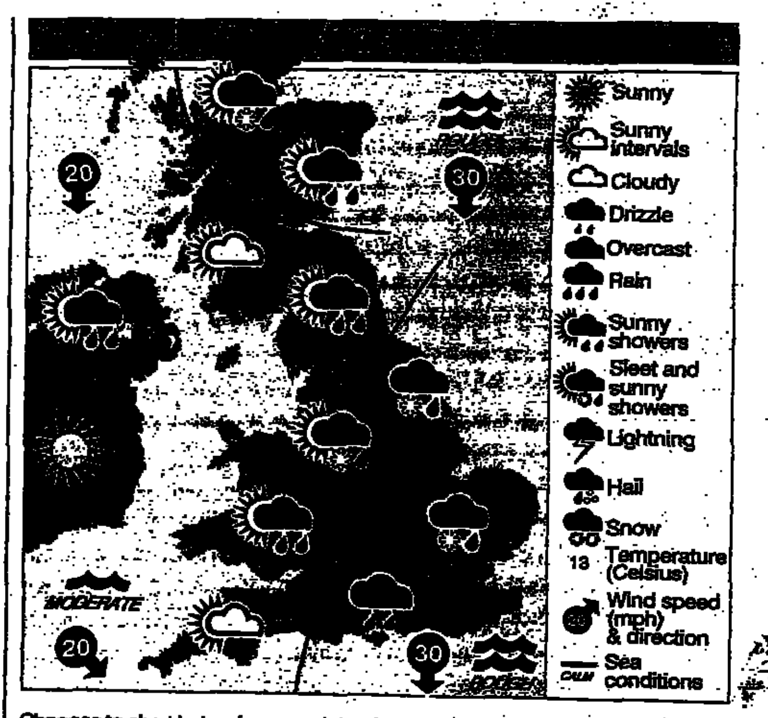
☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** Rain or wet snow clearing slowly to the east and turning more showery. Wind northerly strong, locally gale at times. Cold, max 6C, 43F.

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** Clear or sunny breaks, showers, wintry over hills. Wind northerly strong, moderating. Max 7C, 45F.

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Showers, wintry over higher ground. Wind northeasterly fresh to strong. Max 6C, 43F.

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** Freezing fog slow to clear, then clear or sunny breaks with showers, snow on high ground. Wind northerly moderate to fresh. Max 4C, 39F.

☐ **Outlook:** Wintry showers with winds moderating slowly; remaining rather cold.



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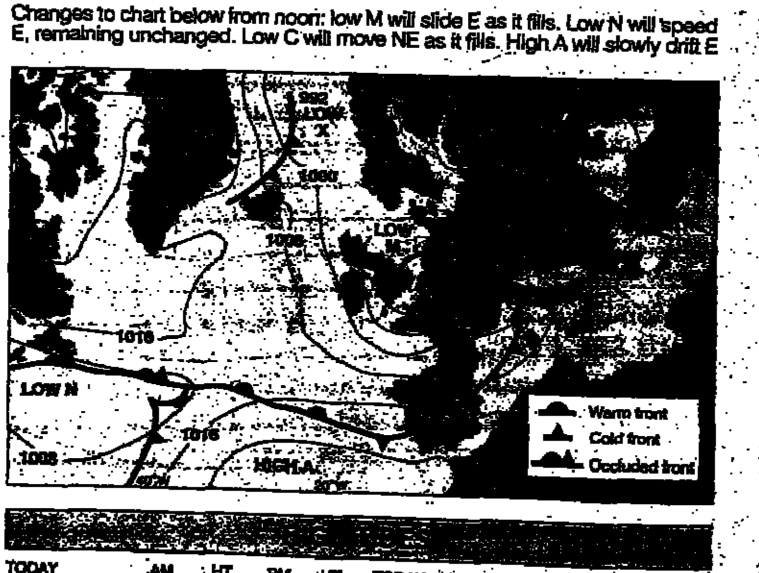

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.9	-	2	36	c
Anglesey	X				
Aspatria	-	0.02	3	37	sn
Aviemore	X				
Belfast	-	0.10	4	39	sn
Birmingham	-	0.42	1	34	sn
Bognor R	0.9	0.93	10	50	r
Bournem'th	0.6	0.62	10	50	h
Bristol	X				
Buxton	-	0.11	0	32	sn
Cardiff	X				
Clacton	-	0.06	7	45	r
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	-	0.65	3	37	sn
Cromer	-	0.31	5	41	r
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	0.8	0.83	10	50	g
Edinburgh	-	0.33	3	37	sn
Eskdalemuir	-	0.01	1	34	sn
Exmouth	1.3	1.07	9	48	sh
Falmouth	X				
Fishguard	3.0	0.48	6	43	sl
Folkestone	-	0.46	7	45	r
Glasgow	-	0.02	3	37	sn
Guernsey	1.2	0.85	11	52	sh
Hastings	0.2	0.53	10	50	t
HaylIng I	0.3	0.96	10	50	r
Herne Bay	X				
Hove	0.4	0.74	10	50	sh
Hunstanton	-	0.14	4	39	r
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	-	0.21	4	39	sl
Jersey	3.5	0.47	11	52	t
Kinloss	X				
Leeds	0.1	0.24	2	36	sn
Lerwick	X				
Leuchars	-	0.26	3	37	sn
Littlehmptn	0.6	0.98	10	50	h
London	-	0.80	8	46	sn
Lowestoft	-	0.29	6	43	r
Manchester	-	0.19	3	37	sn
Margate	-	0.43	7	45	sn
Minehead	2.3	0.76	9	48	r
Morecambe	-	-	4	39	r
Newcastle	-	0.04	5	41	h
Norwich	-	0.40	5	41	r
Oxford	X				
Penzance	X				
Poole	0.2	0.81	9	48	r
Prestatyn	X	1.11	2	36	sn
Ross-o-wye	-	0.67	3	37	sl
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	-	0.59	10	50	r
Saunton Snd	1.3	0.08	8	46	du
Scarboro'	-	0.16	5	41	r
Shanklin	X				
Southend	0.2	0.02	7	45	sh
Southport	X				
Southsea	0.5	0.93	10	50	r
Stornoway	4.5	0.02	3	37	h
Swanage	0.9	0.48	10	50	sh
Teignmouth	1.0	1.35	9	48	sh
Tenby	X				
Tiree	2.2	0.29	4	39	sh
Torquay	X	1.27	10	50	sh
Tynemouth	X				
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	-	0.77	11	52	sh

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	c
Akrotiri	23	73	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f
Algiers	17	63	f
Amst'dm	5	41	r
Athens	17	63	f
B Aires	30	86	f
Bahrain	26	79	s
Bangkok	36	79	f
Barbados	29	84	c
Barcelona	13	55	f
Beirut	22	72	f
Belgrade	16	61	f
Berlin	4	39	c
Bermuda	20	68	f
Biarritz	11	52	c
Borde'x	10	50	f
Brussels	4	39	r
Budapst	11	52	c
Cairo	25	77	f
Cape Tn	X		
Ch'church	15	59	x
Chicago	1	34	f
Cologne	3	37	f
Corfu	19	66	f
C'phagn	6	43	f
Dublin	3	37	f
Dubrovnik	16	61	r
Faro	15	59	f
Florence	15	59	c
Frankfurt	3	37	c
Funchal	20	68	s
Geneva	1	34	sn
Gibraltar	16	61	s
Helsinki	6	43	c
Hong K	18	64	c
Innsbrck	5	41	r
Istanbul	14	57	f
Jeddah	25	77	f
Jo'burg	X		
Karachi	X		
L Angels	19	66	s
L Palmas	19	66	d
Le Touqt	7	45	f
Lisbon	13	55	f
Locarno	8	46	d
Luxembg	1	34	c
Luxor	27	81	f
Madrid	9	48	f
Majorca	16	61	s
Malta	21	70	s
Melb'rne	15	59	c
Mexico C	18	64	s
Miami	26	79	s
Milan	X		
Montreal	2	36	fg
Moscow	2	36	c
Munich	3	37	c
N Delhi	X		
N York	11	52	s
Nairobi	23	73	f
Naples	18	64	c
Nice	9	48	r
Oslo	2	36	d
Paris	6	43	r
Peking	12	54	s
Perth	26	79	s
Prague	7	45	fg
Reykjavik	-4	25	f
Rhodes	23	73	s
Rio de J	24	75	f
Riyadh	23	73	f
Rome	16	61	f
S Fr'isco	17	63	s
S Paulo	23	73	r
Salzburg	6	43	f
Santiago	27	81	s
Seoul	9	48	f
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	4	39	s
Strasb'rg	2	36	sn
Sydney	20	68	r
Tangier	16	61	c
Tel Aviv	22	72	c
Tenerife	22	72	c
Tokyo	16	61	f
Toronto	5	41	f
Tunis	20	68	s
Valencia	16	61	f
Vanc'ver	0	32	c
Venice	16	61	f
Vienna	14	57	c
Warsaw	11	52	c
Wash'ton	12	54	r
Wel'ngton	14	57	x
Zurich	3	37	r

Temperatures at midday local time Monday. X = not available

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London Bridge	8:55	6.1	9:41	6.4
Aberdeen	9:17	3.8	9:22	3.8
Avonmouth	2:21	10.6	3:00	11.1
Belfast	6:36	3.1	6:57	3.3
Cardiff	2:09	10.0	2:47	10.4
Devonport	0:57	4.6	1:25	4.9
Dover	6:35	5.9	7:23	5.8
Dublin (N Wall)	7:25	3.7	7:34	3.9
Falmouth	0:27	4.3	12:58	4.6
Greenock	8:02	3.0	8:33	3.3
Harwich	6:51	3.4	7:39	3.6
Holyhead	6:03	4.8	6:19	5.2
Hull (Albert D)	1:09	6.6	2:10	6.6
Ilfracombe	1:12	7.6	1:51	8.0
King's Lynn	1:19	5.8	2:08	5.6
Leith	10:14	4.9	10:36	5.0
Liverpool	6:42	7.9	7:09	8.3
Lowestoft	4:23	2.3	6:48	2.3
Margate	7:09	4.2	8:10	4.3
Milford Haven	1:35	5.7	2:07	6.1
Newquay	0:30	5.7	1:00	6.0
Oban	1:43	3.0	2:16	3.5
Penzance	0:03	4.6	12:32	4.9
Portland	1:49	1.6	2:15	1.7
Portsmouth	6:49	4.3	7:17	4.2
Shoreham	6:45	5.4	7:21	5.3
Southampton	6:16	4.2	6:45	4.1
Swansea	1:35	7.8	2:17	8.2
Tees	11:29	4.6	11:43	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	6:51	3.6	7:38	3.8

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Moon rises: 2.01 pm
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London 4.05 pm to 7.29 am
Bristol 4.15 pm to 7.39 am
Edinburgh 3.57 pm to 8.02 am
Manchester 4.05 pm to 7.46 am
Penzance 4.32 pm to 7.46 am

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20 1996

Taxman acted illegally over VAT refunds

By Jason Nissé

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE was yesterday told by a High Court judge that it has been acting illegally in a landmark ruling that could lead to claims for overpaid value-added tax costing the Treasury as much as £5 billion.

Mr Justice Keene said the Customs had, since July 18, unlawfully deferred paying out on legitimate claims for backdated VAT beyond a three-year limit.

He instructed Customs to make payments immediately, totalling £35 million, in eight test cases involving groups as diverse as GUS, the home shopping group, the Federation of Opthalmic and Dispensing Opticians and the Mercers Company of the City of London. Other similar claims of as much as £100 million are in the pipeline.

Tax experts said that the ruling could force a rethink of proposals, to be included in the Finance Bill which accompanies the Budget, to introduce a three-year limit for repayments of VAT while allowing Customs to go back six years.

The law is planned to be retrospective, dating back to July 18 when it was announced in Parliament by David Heathcoat-Amory, the then Paymaster General. It will be debated as part of the Finance Bill and should become law in the new year.

However Mario Monti, the European Commissioner for Competititon, has indicated he will investigate the law if it comes in, as it is widely believed to breach the European Commission's Sixth Directive on VAT. Since July 18, Customs has been refusing to pay agreed VAT refunds going back more than three years, arguing that it will only have to demand the money back after the law comes into force. It is that action which was ruled illegal by Mr Justice Keene.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory's action was prompted by a series of defeats for Customs in court actions costing more than £100 million. These included claims relating to spectacles, interest-free credit, company cars and money-off vouchers for consumer goods, some of which go as far back as the introduction of VAT in 1973.

Hamilton: warning

Estimates of the cost of all these claims have been put as high as £25 billion, although most experts believe the total is no more than £5 billion.

Penny Hamilton, a senior tax partner at Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants, said that taxpayers will fight the introduction of the three years rule, and are prepared to take it to the European Court of Justice if necessary. "This is the first line drawn in the sand. Customs should be prepared for a very long campaign."

Most European countries have time limits on back claims for VAT. But the main objection to this law is the different limits applied to overpayments and underpayments.

Peter Jenkins, national VAT partner at Ernst & Young, the accountant, said: "Will Customs see how ridiculous this is getting and back down on the mismatch?"

VAT experts have also argued that the application of the law will cause bad feeling between Customs and business people, who Customs heavily rely upon to collect VAT.

Valerie Strachan, chairman of the Commission of Customs & Excise, recently said she wanted to forge a partnership between the business community and Customs over the collection of VAT. Ms Hamilton at Coopers said: "If the taxpayer does not perceive tax collection as fair, this could break that relationship."

Last night Customs & Excise said that all the money repaid under the ruling would be reclaimed as soon as the law came into force. "We are not about to hand big repayments to large corporations who often take the money as windfall profits and do not pass it on to the comsumer," said a spokesman.

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Sir Gerald Whent, Vodafone's chief executive, said the acquisition was defensive

Vodafone pockets Peoples Phone

By Eric Reguly

VODAFONE, the largest mobile phone company, agreed yesterday to buy Peoples Phone for £77 million in a move to keep the service provider from unfriendly hands.

Sir Gerald Whent, Vodafone's chief executive, said the acquisition was defensive because more than three-quarters of Peoples Phone's 400,000 customers are Vodafone users. "It was more valuable to us than to anyone else," he said.

The purchase price, in relative terms, is lower than the price paid by Vodafone for Talkland and far less than the £200 million flotation value placed on Peoples by its directors late last year. The flotation was cancelled in January after market share forecasts fell below internal forecasts.

Peoples has 181 high street shops, compared with Talkland's 60. Vodafone said the two chains probably will not be merged because they cater for different customers. Peoples targets the consumer market, while Talkland focuses on higher-margin business users.

The acquisition came as Vodafone reported overseas mobile-phone operations, accounting for about one-sixth of turnover, in the black for the first time with £3 million operating profit in the half-year to the end of September, compared with an £18 million loss. This turnround and continued strong growth in the domestic market helped to boost pre-tax profits by 21 per cent, to £252 million, on turnover of £772 million, up 16 per cent. The interim dividend, paid on February 12, rises 20 per cent to 2.36p.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	3978.1	(+16.0)
Yield	3.97%	
FTSE All share	1954.08	(+5.51)
Nikkei	*20956.18*	*(+159.81)*
New York:		
Dow Jones	6381.57	(+34.66)*
S&P Composite	740.86	(+3.84)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{1}{4}$%*	($4\frac{1}{2}$%)
Long Bond	$100\frac{22}{32}$*	($100\frac{7}{16}$)
Yield	6.43%*	(6.47%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{11}{32}$%	($6\frac{11}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$110\frac{9}{16}$	($110\frac{7}{16}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6770*	(1.6710)
London:		
$	1.6753	(1.6715)
DM	2.5176	(2.5100)
FFr	8.5151	(8.4844)
SFr	2.1244	(2.1210)
Yen	186.55	(186.23)
£ Index	92.3	(92.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
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FFr	5.0840*	(5.0752)
SFr	1.2700*	(1.2665)
Yen	111.52*	(111.53)
$ Index	96.1	(96.1)

Tokyo close Yen 111.69

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$23.25	($23.65)

GOLD

London close	$378.45	($379.25)

* denotes midday trading price

London shares surge on bid talk

London Electricity shares surged 28½p to 665p because Entergy, the New Orleans utility was tipped to launch a bid. Entergy operates around the world and in several American states. Last night it refused to comment on market rumour. The company has previously denied a move on Yorkshire but has admitted talking to UK regional companies.

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Hyde Park Hotel sold for record

By Alasdair Murray

GRANADA yesterday began its great hotel sell-off with the disposal of the prestigious Hyde Park Hotel in London for the equivalent of £465,000 a room — the most expensive price ever paid for a hotel business in London.

The hotel is being bought by Mandarin Oriental International, the Hong Kong-based hotel group controlled by Jardine Matheson, for a total of £86 million.

Over the next two months, Granada is expected to dispose of a further 16 hotels acquired as part of the Exclusive chain following the £3.9 billion takeover of Forte at the beginning of the year.

The City expects Granada to raise between £800 million and £900 million from the disposals.

Mandarin is paying cash for the hotel, which had a book value of £71 million. It intends to rename the premises the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park and will need to invest substantial sums in upgrading back-of-house facilities to enhance its value. Mandarin has been keen to return to the London market since it lost its contract to manage the Ritz after Trafalgar House, now owned by Kvaerner, sold the company to the Barclay Brothers for £75 million in October 1995.

The Hyde Park has a total of 185 rooms, as well as conference and banqueting facilities. It is also the site of the famous Marco Pierre White restaurant. Last year it made an operating profit of £4.7 million on a turnover of £15.3 million.

The Hyde Park was built in 1892 as a gentlemen's club but was converted to a hotel around the turn of the century.

Prince Jefri of Brunei is believed to lead the hunt for the Granada-owned George V in Paris, while Chelsfield, the property group, is favourite to take control of the Westbury, in Conduit Street, London and its sister hotel in New York.

Granada will also unveil its full-year results today with analysts predicting a £100 million rise in profits to about £460 million. Shares in the company closed down 2½p at 892½p.

Good causes lose out on £110m as lottery sales slip

By Jon Ashworth

TUMBLING lottery sales cost good causes more than £110 million this year, according to the latest financial snapshot from Camelot, the lottery operator. Sales of Instants fell to £419 million in the six months to September 14, compared with £871 million in the same period last year.

Online ticket sales showed a slight increase, rising to £1.67 billion, but overall sales slipped from £2.5 billion to just under £2.1 billion. Camelot said that the decline in sales of Instants was in line with experience overseas.

The first midweek National Lottery draw will take place on February 5. Camelot said the move could boost online lottery ticket sales by up to 20 per cent, although there are concerns that Instants could suffer a further decline.

Instants' sales have flattened out at £17 million a week. Sales for the weekly draw have settled at £69 million. Lucky Dip, in which numbers are computer-selected at random, now accounts for 12 per cent of sales. Camelot made £20.8 million in profits after tax during the six months, down from £23.6 million. Overall net profits since launch have reached £78.1 million.

A further £10 million in dividends has been paid to Camelot's shareholders, including GTech, the controversial American lottery operator. Camelot has put £5 million into a charitable foundation. Separately, it has given more than £1.57 million to charity in the past two years, making it one of the UK's biggest corporate donors.

Tim Holley, Camelot's chief executive, said that 30 million people a week were now playing the lottery on a regular basis. The lottery has proved a boon to independent shopkeepers, earning them about £5,000 a year in commission, along with an increase in trade. Independents are responsible for about half of all lottery sales.

Holley: 30 million players

Mr Holley said Camelot's network of terminals should be fully in place by the end of the year. Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, has criticised Camelot for falling behind on its installation deadlines. Peter Murphy, Camelot's finance director, said the lottery licence allowed for some slippage. Camelot faces penalties of £1 million for every 100 terminals missed, if it misses all its targets in any one financial year.

Camelot has set up an advisory company, Camelot International Services, to advise on lotteries overseas. The venture is at an early stage.

The lottery has raised £2.5 billion for good causes, and £1.2 billion in tax, since its debut in November 1994.

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BankAmerica offers staff share options

From Richard Thomson
in New York

BANKAMERICA Corporation is to offer share options to 85,000 full-time and part-time employees worldwide. The move by Bank of America, one of America's largest banks, puts pressure on other large companies to put more shares in the hands of their workers.

The scheme may also go some way to alleviating the criticism of soaring pay for top executives who have benefited from handsome share option schemes during the recent rise in stock markets, raising accusations that bosses have benefited at the expense of their workforces. Employees of Bank of America, from tellers up to senior executives, will be allowed to purchase between 50 and 90 shares in BankAmerica Corporation, the bank's holding company, every six months over the next three years.

BankAmerica shares rose 2⅜ to 98⅝ after the announcement in San Francisco by David Coulter, chairman and chief executive of the bank. The options must be exercised after three years but before five at a price of 95⅛.

Mr Coulter said: "Beginning today, tellers, teleservice representatives, loan officers, indeed most of our employees, have a greater stake in the future of our company." The bank employs 92,700 worldwide and 1,500 Bank of America employees in Britain will be among the beneficiaries.

Mr Coulter added: "This will increase our shareholder value by motivating our workforce to think and act like owners." He said it would focus attention on the company's share price as the key measure of Bank of America's performance.

Many banks have offered generous share option packages to senior executives, and a few have offered occasional one-off option plans to employees. The move is part of an attempt to boost the bank's performance in the competitive US financial services market.

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Legislation outlined in Green Paper dismissed as unnecessary

Business cool on plans to curb strikes

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BUSINESS LEADERS gave a cool response yesterday to the Government's new proposals aimed at curbing strikes, arguing that employee relations in Britain are largely satisfactory and any further legislative moves are unnecessary.

Industry's view is that the new measures outlined in the Government's Green Paper on industrial relations are primarily an electoral move rather than any serious suggestions for immediate legislation. Some suggest they will worsen rather than improve UK employee relations.

The main reform proposed in *Industrial Action and the Trade Unions* is that strikes and industrial action judged by the courts to be "excessive or disproportionate" would lose their immunity from civil action, opening the way for unions to be sued by employers, businesses or individuals affected by the action.

CBI leaders said that initial soundings among member companies "suggest there is doubt about whether they are workable". The key terms "excessive" and "disproportionate" would need to be properly defined, it said.

Company directors said the Green Paper's main measure was "impracticable". Ruth Lea, policy head at the Institute of Directors, which will set out its own pre-election business manifesto today, said: "We take the view that this will simply be a field day for lawyers. The balance of legislation is about right now."

Britain's managers said the Government was "over-reacting" to strikes in the Post Office and London Underground. Roger Young, Institute of Management director-general said: "Managers believe this legislation will only serve to exacerbate industrial disputes, not help to find solutions."

David Yeandle, head of employment affairs at the Engineering Employers Federation, said that the proposal on proportionality was "fraught with difficulty over definition", and would lead to uncertainty among employers.

In the Commons, the Prime Minister said that, in the private sector, strikes were now at 4 per cent of their level in 1979, and added: "I believe in the public sector people deserve the same protection against strikes that they now increasingly have elsewhere."

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, launched the Green Paper with an attack on the "virus of crude strike action" last summer. But he added: "We are not trying to pick a fight with the unions. What we are trying to do is prevent the unions picking a fight with the public."

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said the paper as "a gimmick in the run-up to the election. But there is no union card to play, and no votes in this Green Paper."

Other measures confirmed by Mr Lang include doubling to 14 days the notice period before strikes, and raising the threshold in ballots from a majority of those voting to a majority of those entitled to vote.

BOC confident of revival in healthcare

By Paul Durman

BOC GROUP, the industrial gases company, yesterday mounted a strong defence of its healthcare business, often criticised and seen as a disposal candidate by the City.

Danny Rosenkranz, who became BOC's chief executive ten months ago, said he did not intend to sell Ohmeda, whose profits fell again last year to £53.1 million from £59.8 million. He spelt out a series of new products, including anaesthetic drugs, that BOC believes will revive Ohmeda's fortunes.

The upbeat message on healthcare, combined with full-year profits at the top end of forecasts, prompted a 44½p rise in BOC's share price to 880½p. The shares had fallen heavily since July.

BOC's pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £444.9 million, on sales that rose 7 per cent to just over £4 billion. The main gases business increased operating profits 9 per cent to £408.3 million, in spite of the strong pound cutting into the fourth quarter results. With another strong performance from Edwards, the vacuum pump business, total operating profits reached £539.4 million (£496.4 million).

Ohmeda has been struggling to replace lost profits from Forane, its off-patent anaesthetic gas that has suffered severe price falls in the face of generic competition. Forane made £20 million last year, compared with £123 million four years ago.

In gases, BOC achieved "well above-average growth" in the Americas and the South Pacific. It also made good improvements in Europe, Southern Africa and the North Pacific. BOC is investing heavily in new on-site gas plants for big customers. This accounts for much of the group's £708 million of capital spending last year. In the US, where BOC has lagged its competitors on on-site plants, its investment will more than double the capacity from such plants to about 17,000 tonnes per day.

The vacuum technology and distribution services division, including Edwards, improved profits 28 per cent to £90.3 million. Edwards, whose pumps are used in making computer chips, has been hit by slowdown in the semiconductor industry. Although the impact is hard to gauge, Mr Rosenkranz said Edwards's profits will fall this year.

BOC said it will pay a dividend of 29p a share for the year to next September, a 7.4 per cent rise. The first instalment of 14.5p will be paid on February 3.

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Tony Isaac, BOC finance director, and Danny Rosenkranz saw profits rise 11 per cent

Labour to instigate new type of pension

By Our City Staff

A LABOUR government would create a new type of pension scheme aimed at providing a retirement income higher than a typical personal pension, a conference will be told today.

John Denham, the Shadow Pensions Minister, said Labour's proposal "will bring security in retirement within the reach of many who are denied it today".

Mr Denham and Harriet Harman, the Shadow Secretary for Social Security, will address a one-day pensions conference in London today.

The announcement of more details of the party's idea comes at a time of much political debate on pensions. Last week it was reported that plans to require all working people to take out private pensions are being considered by ministers for inclusion in the Conservative election manifesto. This would involve scrapping the present State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps) and replacing it with compulsory private pensions for all.

Labour's proposal, called a "stakeholder pension", would be aimed at people who do not have the opportunity to join an occupational pension scheme and whose only choice is currently between Serps or taking out a personal pension.

The stakeholder pension would operate alongside the basic state pension. It is based on the investment of contributions into collective schemes. Because they are collective — multi-employer and multi-member — they will have low overheads, says Labour.

Mr Denham said that such a scheme "offers improved benefits at all ages and all levels of earnings, for both men and women, compared with a typical personal pension". Labour says that people who contribute until retirement could be looking at pensions between 15 and 37 per cent higher than those received from a personal pension.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BAe targets German weapons firm stake

BRITISH AEROSPACE is negotiating the purchase of a substantial shareholding in STN Atlas Electronik, the German supplier of defence electronics. STN, which makes torpedoes and weapons control systems as well as marine electronics, including sonar and radars, is a subsidiary of the collapsed Vulkan shipyard in Bremen. BAe has entered into talks with the Bremer Vulkan receiver and is considering a joint bid in partnership with Mannesmann or Rheinmetall.

BAe said yesterday: "The discussions are intended to determine the opportunities that might exist for British Aerospace in collaboration with German partners to pursue its strategy of expanding its naval system integration activities." Analysts said BAe's move had more to do with an expansion of its shipping activities than with a general drive towards integration in the European defence industry.

Opposition water plan

LABOUR yesterday stepped up its attack on the water industry, publishing targets it aims to enforce if the party forms the next government. Condemning water companies for "repeatedly polluting the environment . . . making record profits on the back of falling investment and . . . failing to look after the interests of local people", Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, outlined tougher controls for water companies. They include: setting leakage targets; making water companies offer free efficiency audits for households; tougher fines for pollution; and an audit of the country's water mains and sewers.

Rothschild appointment

NM ROTHSCHILD & Sons, the investment bank, has been appointed by the Department for Education and Employment to advise on the possible sale of part of the £2 billion student loan portfolio. The portfolio, which consists of some 1.3 million individual loan accounts administered by the Student Loans Company, could be securitised by bundling up a series of different loans into a package. Rothschilds said that it might follow the well-established American market practice where student loans are sold to investors as Sallie Mae securities.

Setback for Whitecroft

WHITECROFT, the building and lighting business, suffered a 21 per cent fall in pre-tax profits from £3.4 million to £2.71 million in the six months to September 30. The company said that trading conditions had been difficult, although it was now confident of an improvement. Earnings dropped to 4.4p from 6p per share. The interim dividend, due to be paid on January 27, is held at 1.75p. Sales of £74 million, compared with £68.8 million. Operating profits in the specialist materials division were adversely affected by a fire at one of the plants.

Bett Brothers slips

BETT BROTHERS, the housebuilding and property group based in Scotland, saw tight margins in new homes contribute to a decline in pre-tax profits to £5.02 million from £5.56 million in the year to August 31 in spite of a 14 per cent rise in sales to £38.3 million. The company said it is confident that the housing recovery being felt in parts of England would soon work its way up to Scotland. A tax rebate allowed earnings to grow from 28.8p per share to 33.3p. A final dividend of 3.85p, due January 13, leaves a year total of 5.6p, up from 5.4p.

Sinclair Montrose deal

SINCLAIR Montrose Healthcare, the medical services group, has bought Personnel Operations, a bureau supplying operating theatre assistants, for £1.4 million. Sinclair Montrose, which supplies temporary nursing staff, said it intends to capitalise from cross-selling between the two markets, and expects to make cost savings. It is paying £600,000 in cash, providing a further £400,000 in shares and £400,000 in loan notes. Its shares, placed on the Alternative Investment Market in June at 140p, were unchanged yesterday at 178p.

Virgin Net launched

INTERNATIONAL CableTel, the American-controlled cable company, and Virgin Communications, part of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, yesterday launched Virgin Net, an Internet service provider they said was designed for easy use by consumers. The service will cost £10 a month and will provide access to 3,000 web pages selected by Virgin, as well as the World Wide Web. Virgin Net will dispense with the "tricky graphics" that eat up memory and slow down searches. Mr Branson expects to have 20,000 subscribers by the year-end.

Purchase for Azlan

AZLAN, the distributor of network computing products and services, has agreed to buy Akam International, computer consultancy in The Netherlands, for up to £29.6 million. It is funding the acquisition with a 3-for-10 rights issue to raise £48.5 million, with the balance of the proceeds being used to reduce the company's £12.3 million of borrowings. Azlan lifted pre-tax profits to £6 million from £4 million in the six months to October 4. Earnings were 15p a share (13.6p) and an interim dividend of 1.3p (1.2p) is due on January 31.

Mansfield toasts 11% rise

MANSFIELD BREWERY achieved an 11 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £10.5 million in the half year to September 28, helped by a 17.5 per cent profits increase in the managed house division. The brewery division's share of the regional beer market grew to 8.4 per cent. Sir David White, chairman, said the overall outlook remains positive and the group is considering acquisition opportunities. The interim dividend was raised 23.5 per cent to 2.1p a share, payable on December 20 from earnings of 11.6p a share, up 12.2 per cent.

Call for safeguard over pre-paid burials

By a Correspondent

GRIEVING families could be left to meet burial costs of relatives who have pre-paid for their own funerals, the National Consumer Council says. The council is urging the Government to introduce legislation to protect often elderly and sick people who hope to carry the financial burden.

Cowboy operators are able to exploit legal loopholes, which mean they are exempt from normal rules governing insurance and financial services. They can also indulge in high-pressure marketing techniques, such as canvassing nursing homes to drum up new business, the watchdog said.

It is estimated there have been 200,000 pre-paid funerals sold over the past decade, costing more than £1,000 each and accounting for 2 per cent of the burial market. This figure is expected to quadruple over the next few years, following a similar pattern in America where pre-paid funerals account for 15 per cent of burials.

Past cases have seen companies simply disappear overnight, leaving people with no burial cover and forcing reputable firms to step in.

Two voluntary codes of practice govern the industry and the Department of Trade and Industry is consulting on the issue after growing concern over regulation.

David Hatch, the Consumer Council chairman, said: "People who buy pre-paid funerals believe they can help lift the burden and worry of these arrangements from their families.

"There must be strong regulation to ensure that consumers get the service they have paid for and their families are not hassled for any extra financial costs. They will be suffering enough."

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Visitors and profits soar at Euro Disney

By Sarah Cunningham

A RECORD 11.7 million people visited Euro Disneyland, in France, last year; an increase of one million, helping to lift profits at Euro Disney, operator of the theme park, 77 per cent to Fr202 million in the year to September 30.

Philippe Bourguignon, chairman and chief executive of Euro Disney, yesterday said: "We are proud of what has been accomplished in a difficult economic environment, particularly for the tourism industry."

However, M Bourguignon added: "Persistent weakness in the economy, constant pressure on our prices and the strong increase in financial charges constitute several real challenges for the future, particularly in 1997."

Hotel occupancy rates rose from 68 per cent to 72 per cent, and theme park and resort revenues rose 9 per cent to nearly Fr5 billion as a slight increase in guest spending on food and merchandise offset reduced park entry prices in April.

The company said that 30 per cent of visitors had already been to Euro Disneyland at least once. Investment in new facilities is continuing with a multiplex cinema and a second convention centre now under construction.

Football yobs worry fewer fans than 'rip-off' charges

By Jason Nissé

SPIRALLING admission costs, frequent changes of kit and overpriced catering are more of a deterrent to football supporters than hooliganism, a survey by Mintel, the consumer research group, found.

A third of supporters surveyed felt they were being "ripped off" by their clubs, while only 16 per cent felt that violence at matches was a problem.

Ticket prices at Premiership games have soared in recent years, despite a growth in the game's popularity which has pushed up attendances and TV revenues. The price of a season ticket at some London clubs is more than £800. Some clubs are wondering whether they may have to cut admission prices when games are televised on a pay-per-view basis.

Clubs now have up to three team kits and change each of them every two years. Supporters who buy replica kits have to pay up to £35 for each shirt alone, to keep up with the latest strip. In the past three years Manchester United has had two red kits, a white, a grey, a black and a yellow and green kit. Food is also becoming more expensive at grounds. During the Euro 96 championships in the summer Wembley was charging £1 for a Mars Bar that retails in shops for 45p.

"A third of those surveyed believed that clubs are 'ripping off' supporters," said Chris Butcher, Mintel's leisure analyst. "Even more alarming was the fact that half of the most ardent supporters were concerned with this issue." Mintel found that two million people regularly attend matches and 48 per cent of the population like to watch football on TV.

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Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	412	387
Hong Kong $	13.54	12.54
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel Shk	5.68	5.08
Italy Lira	2634	2479
Japan Yen	200.70	184.70
Malta	0.633	0.578
Netherlds Gld	2.981	2.731
New Zealand $	2.48	2.27
Norway Kr	11.12	10.32
Portugal Esc	264.50	245.00
S Africa Rd	8.33	7.53
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☐ One rule for the State, another for taxpayers ☐ Where now for the National Lottery? ☐ Another US power buyer lurks

Fair treatment, and VAT's that

☐ IN July 1974 an Epping housewife cut out a money-saving voucher on a washing powder packet and took it to her local branch of Fine Fare to claim a discount. From such small beginnings do mighty events grow. As she was deemed to have paid the full price, a new-fangled tax called VAT was levied on the whole transaction and this VAT was passed to Customs & Excise by the supermarket.

More than 20 years later the courts found that the money-off voucher should not have attracted VAT, in a case brought by the manufacturer of the washing powder claiming back two decades-worth of overpaid tax. Concerned that this and other claims were about the bankrupt the Treasury, the then Paymaster General, David Heathcoat-Amory, stood up in Parliament on July 18 and told a mixed bunch including Unilever, Great Universal Stores and the Royal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists that they would only get three years repayment of overpaid VAT, even though Customs could go after under-taxed VAT-payers for six years' payments.

The problem was that Mr Heathcoat-Amory said this time limit would be brought in retrospectively in the Budget. Since then the rule has been applied as if it is law, which it certainly is not. Customs claims this makes sense, as all they would be doing is making repayments only to claim them back. The courts yesterday decided that Customs was acting illegally. Give these people their money back and then see whether the rule becomes law.

Barring a last-minute change of heart, the cut-off rule will be in the Budget. It will be debated in the Commons next month and at committee stage in January. Should it survive, the rule will be go to the European Commissioners to see if it breaches their VAT rules. And if it passes that test, it will be challenged at the European Court.

Pass on, for a moment, whether the European courts have any right to strike out tax-raising legislation duly passed by national Parliament. The whole argument is pointless. No one in their right mind thinks some massive company like Unilever should get a multi-million-pound VAT refund just because it has kept records back to the year dot. Nor does anyone expect the manufacturer, duly reimbursed, to pass on the benefit to the consumer. Time limits on VAT repayments make sense, and almost all other EC states have them.

But the Government has a duty to act fairly. It cannot apply one rule to the state and another to the taxpayer. And unless it changes that four to five-year cycle of company visits by VAT inspectors, it cannot bring in a unilateral three-year rule. The solution is clearly to bring in a six-year time limit for both repayments and claims. The new Paymaster General, David Willetts, could win a few friends by such a move. Heaven knows, he needs them.

Have a bet on overseas expansion

☐ THE National Lottery — those of us who have loathed it since the outset two years ago must at last admit — has become a national institution. Like the Queen Mother and the Grand National, the lottery is probably now beyond rational criticism, therefore, whatever private misgivings some may still hold.

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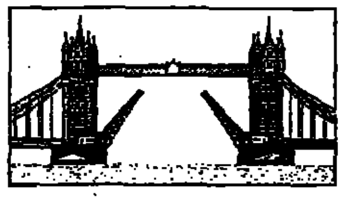

In City terms, the lottery can now be regarded as a utility.

Utilities can be defined as dull businesses with static revenues where the main concern of management is what can go wrong in future. The lottery's revenues are static enough. Headline turnover in the first half of the financial year may be down, but this is a false comparison with the high but unsustainable initial sales of Instants scratchcards in the previous summer. The company's own projections say this dip will be made up by the boost from having a twice-weekly online draw from February. If so, revenues can be expected to run at somewhere approaching £5 billion a year. But it is not clear how they can be raised further. As to what can go wrong, there are three main possibilities. The computers could foul up, so bringing the institution into public disrepute. Unlikely — they have not failed to any significant extent yet. The public could lose interest — again unlikely; revenues have remained remarkably unchanged week on week, at least from the online draw, and any dips tend to be self-correcting once a rollover week raises the jackpot. The rules could be changed to allow bets on the lottery numbers at the bookies, so-called side-betting, but the Government has so far shown no inclination to adjust the odds in favour of other sectors of the gaming industry.

Further expansion has to be overseas. Camelot runs the most efficient such operation in the world — just — in terms of the 43 per cent of total take going to Government and good causes. There is scope for the company to step in and run less efficient lotteries, especially those now state-administered. It is a depressing thought that the country that once led the world in shipbuilding and engineering now has pre-eminence in the running of national sweepstakes, but there it is.

Waiting for Lang's sign

☐ SO MUCH for the theory that sterling's four-year high against the dollar would discourage yet more Americans from buying into our electricity industry. The CalEnergy bid for Northern Electric will now cost the company 4 per cent more than when it was first launched because of the dollar's depreciation, which may explain why the expected higher offer has yet to materialise. The Americans are more likely waiting to see whether they will be thrown to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But yesterday yet another potential US buyer emerged, for London Electricity.

The indications are that Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, will now choose to rule simultaneously on both Northern and the second actual bid in the sector, for East Midlands. Their respective share prices, at least, suggest both will be referred. It is doubtful whether the pace of events will allow him to take in a ruling on London as well, if needed. Something called Entergy of New Orleans is supposed to be in talks with the board of London. The Americans, who have denied an earlier reported interest in Yorkshire, another of the three independents as yet unbid for, have not denied the latest story. London has nothing to say either. The assumption must be that they are indeed talking. London shares rose by 28½p to 665p yesterday, against a reported bid price of £7.

This all has an eerie ring of familiarity about it. CalEnergy was originally supposed to be talking around the £7 mark with Northern. Dominion of Virginia, bidding for East Midlands, broke cover after the Americans apparently tired of the lack of progress in private talks, then reaching an agreed deal. But this led to some burnt fingers, because Dominion had said it would not pay much more than 608p, which encouraged some investors to sell, and then came in at 670p. The City Takeover Panel has been heavily criticised as a result. The Panel must ensure there is no repetition of this, by asking the Americans to clarify their intentions forthwith.

Upbeat EMI strikes a chord in City

By Alasdair Murray

EMI GROUP sought to dispel some of the gloom in the record industry as the demerged music company unveiled a 9.4 per cent rise in half-year profits to £112.5 million before tax and exceptional items yesterday.

Sir Colin Southgate, chairman, said much of the negative comment about the industry, which followed a series of poor results from other international companies, had been overstated.

He added that worldwide growth in record sales, ignoring currency fluctuations, had been about 5.5 per cent this year and EMI expected growth of between 6 and 8 per cent in the medium term.

EMI's shares rose 23½p to £12.94½ as the City warmed to its upbeat message.

The music division increased operating profits by 6 per cent to £132 million on flat sales of £1.09 billion. Seven albums sold more than one million copies, with George Michael's *Older*, the top selling album, selling four million.

The US continued to prove the most difficult market, with profits at £7.8 million, compared with £8 million, but EMI said the retailing problems that had hit sales were being resolved. In contrast, the company enjoyed good growth in the UK, Japan, South-East Asia and Latin America. The company is also establishing new operations in China and Indonesia.

EMI is pinning it hopes in the important pre-Christmas period on new releases from Spice Girls, the artist formerly known as Prince and the third Beatles' anthology. The company conceded that its third-quarter release schedule is weaker than last year although it believes the fourth quarter, which will see releases from Blur, Supergrass, Simple Minds and Robbie Williams, should compensate.

EMI's music publishing division increased profits by just over 10 per cent and now contributes about 25 per cent of music division profits. HMV, the music retail business, incurred an operating loss of £11 million on increased sales of £360 million, a rise of 17 per cent. Dillons, the bookstore, lifted sales by 7.3 per cent and the company said it should make a small profit over the full year. EMI added it was installing an improved accounting system for the bookstore chain.

The dividend rises by 13 per cent to 8p, payable on March 7, 1997.

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De La Rue slips at half time

By Oliver August

DE LA RUE, the printer of banknotes, saw pre-tax profit slide further from £69 million to £60 million in the six months to September 30.

Purchasing prices for banknotes are under continuing pressure as De La Rue's foreign competitors step up their efforts to attack its position as market leader.

Jeremy Marshall, the chief executive, said: "As previously stated, trading conditions were extremely tough at the start of the year. The half-year's profits reflect this. As the year progresses, however, there are signs that banknote pricing is stabilising."

He said results for the second half would depend on new orders over the next four months, while the cash systems division had seen the benefits of a reorganisation last year and from new products coming to the market.

Earnings per share were 19.7p (23.1p) and the interim dividend is 7.5p (7.25p).

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Shares fall at Country Casuals

By Sarah Cunningham

COUNTRY CASUALS shares lost more than a third of their value yesterday after the women's clothing company gave warning of a "significant deterioration in group trading" and said it would not pay a final dividend.

It said pre-tax profits for the year to January 25 would be "materially below" analysts' forecasts, which were in the £2.1 million to £2.4 million range, but not less than £1 million. Its shares plunged 36p to 64p, a record low.

The worst performer within the group has been Lerose Manufacturing, which is reporting monthly losses. Lerose, which has factories in Birmingham and Glasgow, employs about 400 people and supplies many high street retailers.

The company said it was "reviewing all options in order to rectify matters". Last month it reported half-time pre-tax losses of £918,000 but opted to pay an interim dividend of 1.7p. It is due to make its next trading statement in January.

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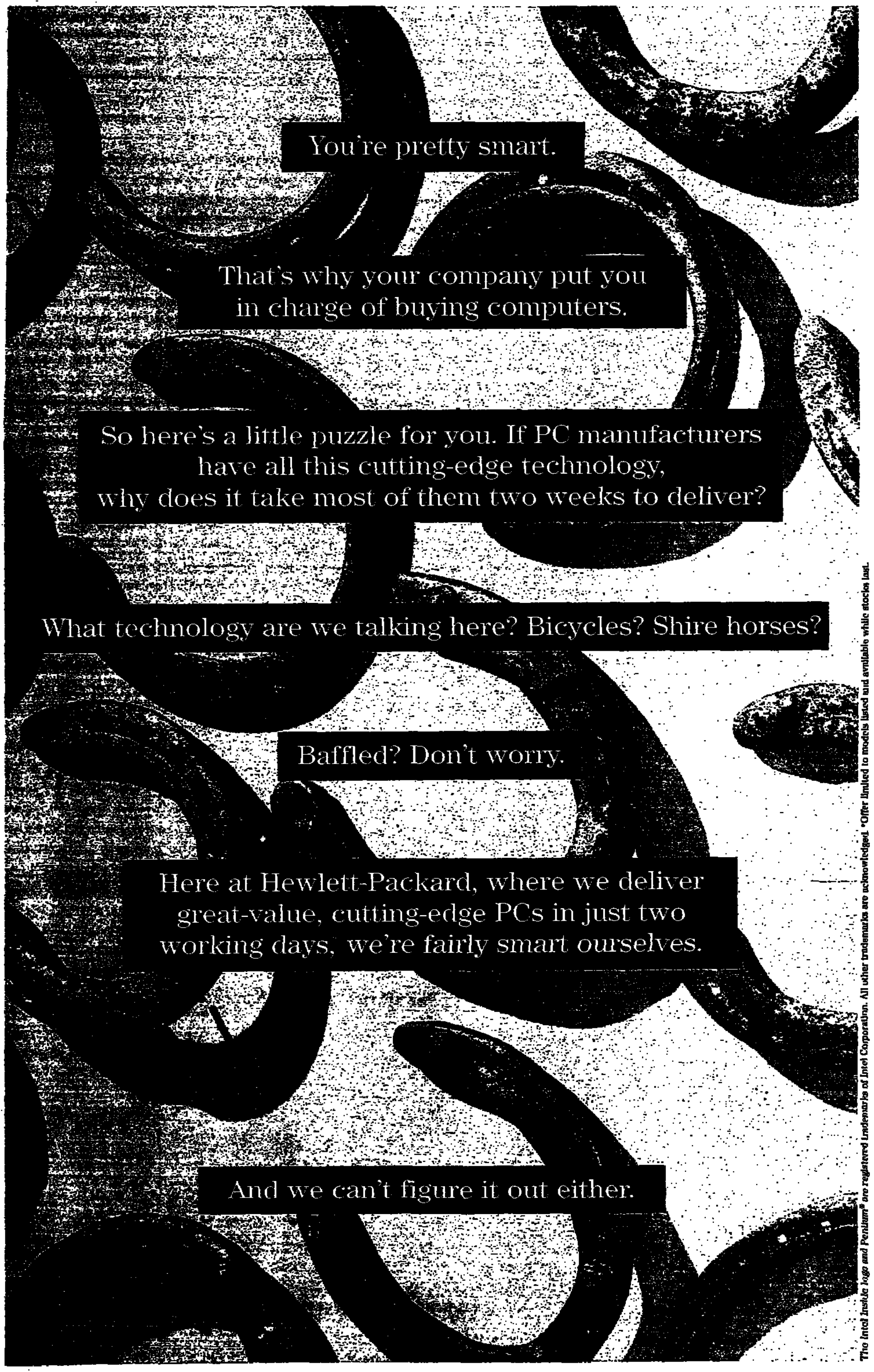

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Damage to Tunnel link boosts P&O shares

SHARES of **P&O**, the ferry operator, were building up a full head of steam with a rise of 9p to 606½p as the full extent of the damage to the Channel link began to emerge.

Eurotunnel finished the session 3½p lower at 88p as inquiries into the fire got under way on both sides of the Channel. The damage caused was described as severe and will take an "indefinite period of time" to repair although single-line services are expected to be resumed quickly.

But last night City brokers were trying to asses the damage to much-needed revenue for Eurotunnel, which is still trying to reach agreement with a consortium of more than 200 banks over its near £9 billion of debt.

In the meantime, brokers expect P&O, the biggest of the cross-channel ferry operators, to take full advantage of the setback to the link.

Eurotunnel and the ferry operators have been locked in a fierce battle for control of the lucrative Dover-Calais route. Eurotunnel has been gleaning market share from them and eating into their margins.

The rest of the equity market recovered some early losses on the back of another firm performance by the gilt-edged market. The absence of any positive performance by Wall Street overnight saw the FT-SE 100 index fall eight points in early trading before rallying to close just below its best of the day. It ended 16 points up at 3,978.1.

Again trading conditions were thin, with fewer than 700 million shares changing hands. Investors appear reluctant to open fresh positions before next week's Budget.

Speculative buying was directed at **London Electricity**, with the price climbing 28½p to 665p on reports in the American press that Entergy, the US power generator, was ready to offer 700p a share. Brokers in London said any offer would have to be at a substantial premium to last night's closing price.

The old bid stories continued to swirl round **Zeneca** as the price rose 41½p to £16.97½ on turnover of almost two million shares. A bid from mainland Europe or the US seems to be the favourite theory.

Better than expected half-year figures lifted **Vodafone** 10½p to 254p. It also cheered brokers by confirming it had bought Peoples Phone for £77 million; less than originaly expected. **Orange** rose 11p to 181p in sympathy.

WH Smith was a dull market, losing 13p to 428p after some cautious comments about future earnings growth.

Norcros advanced 4p to 93p after making a welcome return to the dividend list, while the absence of any further bad news with last year's profits tickled **BOC Group** 44½p higher at 880½p.

Half-year figures from **De La Rue** were much in line with expectations. The share price touched 577½p at one stage before losing ground to close just 3½p dearer at 558½p.

Maiden half-year figures from the newly demerged **EMI** were warmly received. Profits were almost 10 per cent ahead, with the dividend rising from a notional 7.1p to 8p. The shares responded with a rise of 23½p to £12.94½p.

Unigate firmed 2p to 432p after almost unchanged profits. Most brokers had been looking for a small downturn.

Granada slipped 2½p to 892½p after the sale for £86 million of the Hyde Park Hotel, which it acquired along with the rest of the Forte company earlier this year.

Porvair tumbled 57½p to 207½p on the back of its second profits warning this year. That compares with their high for the year of 431p. The expected pick-up in business that had been anticipated before the year-end had failed to materialise. Beeson Gregory, the broker, is looking for a pre-tax profit figure of £4.2 million for the current year, but has downgraded its estimate for 1997 from £9 million to £7 million.

A profits warning knocked **Country Casuals**, the clothing retailer, with the price plunging 36p to 64p after it reported a significant deterioration in trading since announcing interim figures last month.

Profits for the year to January 25 are now expected to be materially below market estimates of £2.4 million but not less than £1 million. The company blamed problems at Elvi, which had not been able to sustain the growth seen in the first half.

Enterprise Inns seemed unperturbed by the setback to profits in the first half, with the price up 12p at 250½p on speculation that it might be poised to bid for some pubs owned by **Bass**. It was suggested the Government might insist on Bass disposing of some pubs before allowing the Carlsberg-Tetley deal to go through. Last night Enterprise denied plans to buy any pubs from Bass, up 7p to 797p.

Druid Group made an encouraging debut, establishing a useful premium in first-time trading. Shares in the intergrated information and technology systems specialist were placed at 275p, valuing the company at £63 million. They started life at 287½p and touched a high for the day of 298½p before closing at 285½p, a premium of 10½p.

News of a bid approach lifted **RPT Management Services**, the property specialist, 15p to 113½p. At these levels the group is capitalised at about £7.5 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The bond market showed signs of running out of steam after a firm start, with investors taking a cautious line before today's money supply figures. Few seem willing to commit themselves in spite of taking an increasingly optimistic view of the Chancellor's scope to be more generous in the Budget.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt firmed £⅛ to £110⁹⁄₁₆ as a total of 63,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £⅛ to £102⅞, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was up £¹⁄₁₆ at £103¹⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US stocks were higher midway through the session, aided by strength in bonds. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 34.66 points to 6,381.57.

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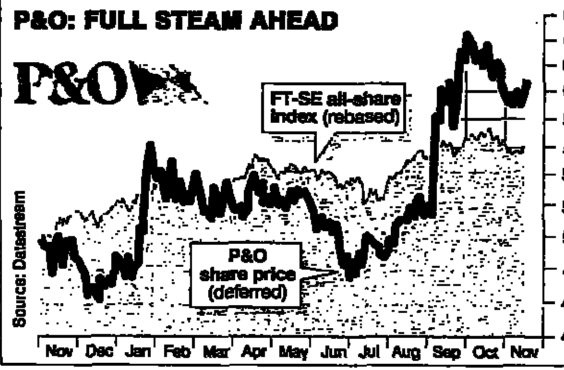
Keep an eye on Betacom, the telephone equipment supplier, where the price crept back up a further 2½p to 22½p on revived speculative buying. Alan Sugar is on the Betacom board and Amstrad continues to hold a 66 per cent interest. Once again there is talk of a minority bid at around the 30p a share level.

P&O: FULL STEAM AHEAD



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones .... 6381.57 (+34.66)
S&P Composite .... 740.86 (+3.84)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average .... 20956.18 (+159.81)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng .... 13056.93 (+14.13)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index .... 609.46 (-0.58)

Sydney:

AO .... 2366.0 (-17.8)

Frankfurt:

DAX .... 2764.09 (+0.25)

Singapore:

Straits .... 2170.18 (-7.85)

Brussels:

General .... 10257.98 (-2.34)

Paris:

CAC-40 .... 2240.05 (+11.24)

Zurich:

SKA Gen .... 822.50 (+3.10)

London:

FT 30	2797.8 (+20.1)
FT 100	3978.1 (+16.0)
FTSE Mid 250	4400.3 (+0.1)
FTSE 350	1980.2 (+6.3)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1824.80 (-2.28)
FT All-Share	1954.08 (+5.51)
FT Non Financials	2046.3 (+8.24)
FT Fixed Interest	116.53 (+0.68)
FT Govt Secs	94.66 (+0.17)
Bargains	37234
SEAQ Volume	661.1m
USM (Datastrm)	201.49 (-0.02)
US$	1.6753 (+0.0039)
German Mark	2.5173 (+0.0079)
Exchange Index	92.3 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.3034
£:SDR	1.1444
RPI	153.8 Oct (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	153.6 Oct (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Barrasford	7	...
Beaufort (3)	4¼	...
Beechcroft	4	...
Brands Hatch Leis	172½	...
Britt Allcroft	159½	...
Charles Taylor	166½	...
Corp Exec Search (3)	4½	...
Deep Sea Leis (160)	162½	...
Druid Grp	285½	...
First Russian Frts C	610	...
Geo Interactive Md	94½	- 1½
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Jardinerie Ints (114)	122½	...
John David Sports	298½	...
Limelight	174½	- 3
Loftus Road (72)	71	+ 1
Majestic Wines	210½	...
Mears Group	11½	...
Mondas (75)	90½	...
Oriental Restaurants	231½	...
Provend	132½	...
Scot Highland Htls	136½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

AG Hldgs n/p (134)	10½	...
Arcadian Intl n/p (45)	2	...
Bridport-Gund n/p	1½	...
Capital Shop 625% n/p	1½	- ½
Perkins Foods n/p (74)	4	+ 1½
Springwood n/p	74½	...
Stakis n/p (82)	5½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cosalt .... 222½p (+15p)
Orange .... 181p (+10½p)
BOC .... 880½p (+44½p)
Black A&C .... 370p (+17½p)
Vodafone .... 254p (+10½p)
Trinity Int .... 462p (+13½p)
Misys .... 982p (+25p)
Man United .... 552p (+13p)
PizzaExpress .... 523½p (+12p)

FALLS:

Country Casuals .... 64p (-36p)
Widney .... 49½p (-15½p)
Porvair .... 207½p (-57½p)
Nelson Hurst .... 146½p (-40p)
Azlan .... 650p (-90p)
MAID .... 230p (-20½p)

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TEMPUS

Printing money, or not

CURIOUS but true: making money is not a great business to be in. De La Rue has been printing banknotes for more than a century and has amassed a 60 per cent share of a market that earned the company a generous £76 million in its last full year. But in the year to March, De La Rue will do nothing like as well and the reasons are clear for all to see. The banknote market has peaked, margins are under pressure and rivals, supported by fat contracts from European central banks, are stealing De La Rue's business.

The printing group warned of difficulties a year ago — volumes had been soaring on the strength of new currencies spawned in the emerging post-Soviet republics. That cycle has passed and De La Rue is now forced to sell hi-tech banknotes for low-tech prices as it fends off German competition, causing profit margins to slip from 26 per cent to 21 per cent of sales. De La Rue is left with plenty of margin to make a comfortable living but, of course, that is part of the problem.

Such high margins and market share are an invitation to interlopers. De La Rue's main German competitor is said to be less efficient, earning single digit margins but is backed by a luxurious Bundesbank contract. Over the next few years, De La Rue could see its returns squeezed further. Elsewhere, De La Rue is catching up, spending heavily to turn around its cash systems business and develop smartcard technology. New products are said to be on the way but De La Rue's customers have yet to reward its investment in cash systems with big contracts. The bulk of the business remains banknotes and if De La Rue shares seem cheap, it is because paper money is not a good investment.

EMI

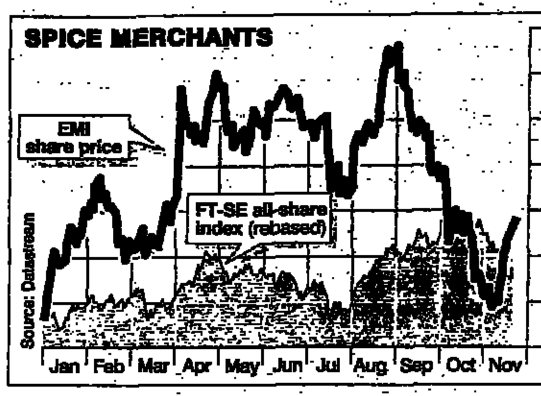
ROCK 'N' ROLL is dead, chorused the pundits only a few weeks ago after a disappointing set of results from Polygram. The replacement of old vinyl recordings with compact discs is coming to an end and the cost of launching new acts is accelerating. Critics sneered that new artists are not good enough to last a season, let alone make the backlists of companies such as EMI, which still profits from a library that boasts the Beatles.

Figures from EMI suggest the gloom is overdone. Overall, sterling sales look flat, but there is some improvement before currency translation. Moreover, EMI estimates that the world market grew 5.5 per cent this year. And it is adamant that growth will continue at the rate of 6 to 8 per cent in the medium term.

EMI's strength is in developing markets rather than in the troubled US music business. It has dipped a toe into China and Indonesia, countries that offer huge rewards in the medium term. Music companies can gear up on bumper sales from an individual artist, but this time EMI managed to improve margins a percentage point without a big name. Better performance from world music helped because of lower marketing costs.

Bid rumours sent EMI shares to unsustainable levels after the company shuffled Thorn off its back. But the share price correction — aggravated by the performance of rival companies — has been overdone.

SPICE MERCHANTS



Vodafone

VODAFONE is the only mobile-phone group with significant overseas operations. It began to gobble up international licences in the late 1980s and now boasts a portfolio stretching from Sweden to South Africa. However, heavy start-up costs, operating losses, problems with foreign partners and cultural barriers, were all reflected in the volatile share price.

But Vodafone is now seeing winnings from its foreign gamble. Many of these ventures are either in profit or close to it, and the portfolio as a whole is in the black for the first time. For shareholders, this has a double benefit. With foreign gains now outstripping domestic growth by a wide margin, Vodafone still has the potential for strong earnings growth. A further bonus is the prospect of rising dividends. Capital expenditure has reached £700 million a year and Vodafone distributes only about 30 per cent of its earnings per share in the form of dividends, against 46 per cent at British Telecom and as much as 70 per cent at some American phone companies. As investment levels decline, Vodafone should be able to pay out more. Meanwhile, the flotation of overseas operations — the earliest candidates are in Greece, The Netherlands and Australia — offers the possibility of some big distributions.

BOC

BOC GROUP was keen to impress yesterday, an attempt to reverse a distinctly dour view conveyed at the interims. BOC was also anxious to dispel the impression that Ohmeda, its healthcare business, is a lame dog that should be put down.

The City's view of Ohmeda is tainted by Forane, the anaesthetic gas whose profits have slumped by £103 million since it went off patent four years ago. Yet the contribution from Ohmeda's other products is rising steadily, and last year comfortably beat the £20 million profit from Forane.

Ohmeda boasts leadership in anaesthesia machines but also sees opportunities in generic versions of injectable anaesthetics, as well as a nitric oxide treatment for respiratory failure, another big market.

Profits from Edwards, the vacuum-pump business, will be down this year but the main industrial gases business remains impressively robust. BOC is investing more than £600 million a year, much of it in building dedicated onsite plants for customers. This programme should deliver a useful boost to profits. Long-term contracts should protect BOC from the worst of any downturn in steel, the major market for its gas business. The shares remain a good long-term bet.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	878-877	Mar	998-986
Mar	914-913	May	1008-1006
May	934-933	Jul	1018-1012
Jul	951-949	Sep	1030-1022
Sep	968-960		
Dec	983-981		Volume: 7784

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1536-1520	Jul	1362-1354
Jan	1436-1435	Sep	1364-1346
Mar	1384-1380	Nov	1369-1350
May	1367-1362		Volume: 1522

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	299.0-98.0
Spot: 310.9		Dec	301.0-98.9
Mar	304.7-04.4	Mar	304.0-01.5
May	304.7-04.4	May	305.5-04.0
Aug	305.0-04.4		Volume: 2169

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.60	98.40	109.18
(+/-)	-0.63	-16.76	+5.79
Eng/Wales:	89.38	131.99	108.66
(+/-)	-0.66	-7.35	+5.66
(%)	+3.0	-10.0	+6.0
Scotland:	95.91	129.82	113.38
(+/-)	-2.60	-9.58	+7.01
(%)	+51.0	-14.0	n/c

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	23.15	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	23.25	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Feb)	22.85	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	24.00	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	23.70	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	222 (-4)	224 (-6)
Gasoil EEC	226 (-1)	227 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	112 (-3)	114 (-3)
Naphtha	224 (n/c)	226 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	221.50-21.75	Mar	203.00-03.25
Jan	217.50-18.00	Apr	194.75-95.00
Feb	211.00-11.25		Vol: 14230

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	23.20-23.24	Apr	21.72-21.83
Feb	22.75-22.80	May	unq
Mar	22.33 SLR		Vol: 22886

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	93.65	Nov	93.00
Jan	95.75	Jan	93.50
Mar	97.50	Mar	95.00
May	98.80	May	96.00
Jul	100.00	Sep	92.15
Volume: 343		Volume: 39	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	58.5
Apr	66.0	66.5
May	unq	75.5
	Volume: 25	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 80.75-81.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1420	1406	1415
Dec 96	1355	1311	1314
Jan 97	1310	1286	1287
Apr 97	1325	1309	1315
Vol: 306 lots		Open Interest: 3899	
	Index 1498 -16		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2350.0-2351.0	2205.0-2207.0	2815700
Lead ($/tonne)	686.00-687.00	698.00-698.50	297575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1035.0-1036.0	1058.5-1059.0	681175
Tin ($/tonne)	6010.0-6011.0	6020.0-6021.0	35390
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1412.5-1413.0	1436.5-1437.0	2171575
Nickel ($/tonne)	6690.0-6685.0	6782.0-6783.0	168114

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	420	35	38½	42	6	11½	18½
(*453½)	460	9	17	22	27	32	39½
ASDA	110	12	13½	16	1	3	4
(*119½)	120	5½	7½	10	4½	7	8
Boots	600	31	46½	56	8	14½	23½
(*618½)	650	6	21	30	34½	40½	48½
Br Airways	550	53½	68	76	4½	11	17½
(*594½)	600	22	38	46	21½	29	37½
BP	650	51	64	72	7	16½	23½
(*686½)	700	23	36	44½	28	36½	45½
Br Steel	160	10½	15	18½	3	5½	10½
(*165½)	180	2	5½	9	15	16½	22
C & W	460	29½	42½	51½	8½	15	22
(*482½)	500	9½	21½	30½	27	34½	41½
CU	600	45	56	61½	6	18½	22½
(*634)	650	15½	27½	35	26	44	48
ICI	750	37½	51½	59½	12½	29½	35½
(*769½)	800	13	25½	35½	37½	57	63
Land Sec	700	32	48	56	6	12	20½
(*730)	750	8	20½	28	32	36½	46
M & S	460	29	40	46½	4½	9	14
(*480)	500	9	18	25	23½	28	33
Nat West	650	54½	62½	70	5	19	26
(*692)	700	22	32	42½	23	43½	50½
Safeway plc	360	15	26	31½	11	17	24
(*366½)	390	4	13	18	30½	34½	41½
Sainsbury	360	16	26	30	7	12	19
(*365½)	390	4½	12	16	26	29	36
Shell	990	63	79	85½	6	22	26
(*999½)	1000	30	48	54½	22	40½	47½
Smkl Bch	750	33½	50	64	17½	31	39½
(*759)	800	12	27½	41	47	58½	66½
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600	127	158½	184	26	48	63½
(*1688)	1700	70	99	129	66½	91	108½

Series		Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	19	29	41½	0½	8	20½
(*438)	460	0½	10½	20	22½	28	43½
Vodafone	240	14	19	25½	0½	5½	9
(*254)	260	1	9	16	6	14½	18½

Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	13	23	32	0½	16	21½
(*469½)	500	0½	7	15	30½	42½	46
Ladbroke	200	1½	10½	14½	1	7	12
(*201)	220	0	3	7	19	20	25
Utd Bisc	200	5½	14½	18	0½	6	10½
(*205½)	220	0½	5½	9	14½	18	23

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Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	33½	45½	53	3½	9½	14½
(*485½)	500	10½	22	30½	19½	26½	31½
Thames W	550	34½	49	57½	6½	15½	28½
(*572)	600	9½	23	31½	31	39	55

Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240	6	16	20	0½	7	13
(*246)	260	0	7	10½	14	17½	24½
Br Aero	1150	8	52½	72	4½	35½	49
(*1153)	1200	0	29½	49	48	63	76
Br Telcm	360	4½	15	22	1	15½	18½
(*363½)	390	0	4½	10½	26½	36½	38
Cadbury	500	15½	28	36	0½	11½	21½
(*510½)	550	0½	7½	14	39½	42	52½
Guinness	420	21	32½	39	0	6	14
(*440½)	460	0½	11	17½	19½	25½	35
GEC	360	3½	16	24	1	12	16
(*362)	390	0	9½	11	28	32½	34
Hanson	110	6½	10	—	0	4	—
(*116½)	119	0½	5½	—	2½	8½	—
LASMO	200	14	21	24	0½	3½	6
(*214)	220	0½	11	14½	6	11½	14½
LucasVarity	220	18½	25½	31	0½	4½	7½
(*238½)	240	1½	13½	19½	2½	11½	15½
Pilkingtn	160	2	10	14½	1	6	8
(*161)	180	0	3	6	19	19½	20½
Prudential	460	3½	24½	31	2	16½	26
(*461½)	500	0	8½	14½	38½	42	51½
Redland	390	18½	32	39	0½	7½	16
(*408½)	420	0½	15	22½	13	20½	31
R-Royce	240	2½	15½	18	1½	11	15
(*241)	260	0	7½	9½	19	23	26½
Tesco	330	7	20	27½	1	9½	17
(*336)	360	0	7½	13½	24	27	33½
Williams	330	11½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*341½)	360	0	—	—	18½	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*3977½)

	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100
Calls						
Dec	162½	120	80	50	25	11½
Jan	183	145	109	77	52½	33
Feb	210	171½	138½	106½	80½	56½
Mar	218½	187½	149	120	93	72
Jun	—	238	—	176½	—	127
Puts						
Dec	14	21	33	53	84	123½
Jan	25½	36½	52	72	99½	133
Feb	41½	52½	70	89½	114½	143½
Mar	56	71	87½	109½	133	163½
Jun	—	114	—	153½	—	204

Series		Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Abby Nat	600	50	64½	71½	2	16	21
(*645)	650	14½	33	43	16½	38½	43½
Amstrad	160	8½	—	—	5½	—	—
(*162½)	180	2	—	—	18½	—	—
Barclays	950	38½	65	78½	7½	34½	43
(*976)	1000	12	38½	53	31	61	69
Natl Pwr	450	10½	26½	—	11½	19½	—
(*453)	500	1½	9½	13½	52½	55	66½

Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	950	40	61	76½	21	42	51
(*961)	1000	17½	37	53	48	69½	78
HSBC	1250	43	72½	96½	30½	64½	79
(*1251)	1300	21½	50	75	59	94½	108
Reuter	700	33	51	64	15	30½	37
(*711½)	750	11	27½	41	43	57½	64
Royal & Sun	394	41	48	—	2	11	—
(*429½)	431	16	24	—	13½	27½	—

Series		Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	360	13½	21½	28	5½	9½	13½
(*366½)	390	2	8	14	23½	26½	36

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Kingfshr	600	35	45	53	18	31½	36
(*608½)	650	13	22½	30½	47½	60	64

Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1350	30	61	72	12½	26½	45½
(*1361½)	1400	8	34½	46	42	50½	72

Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	220	15½	23½	26½	3	8	11
(*232)	240	5½	12½	16	10½	15½	20½
Dixons	550	27	43½	56½	6½	18	25½
(*567½)	600	5	20½	32	35	44½	50½
EMI Group	1250	60	89	118	9	31½	41½
(*1294½)	1300	29	61½	91	27	53½	64
Tarmac	80	9½	12½	13½	0½	1½	2½
(*88½)	90	2½	6½	8	3½	5½	7
Hillsdwn	160	14	18	20	0½	2½	6½
(*172½)	180	2	6½	8½	8½	11½	17½
Lonrho	140	4½	8½	11	3	8	9½
(*140½)	160	0	2	4½	19½	22	23
Sears	90	3½	—	—	2½	—	—
(*90)	100	0½	—	—	10	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	108	—	—	2	—	—
(*1598)	1600	33	—	—	24	—	—
Tomkins	240	17	22½	28	1½	7½	9
(*253½)	260	5½	12	17½	10	16	18½
Lloyds TSB	390	8½	18	24½	6½	19	23
(*390½)	420	0½	6	13	29½	39	42½
Scot Pwr	323	15½	23	—	2½	10	—
(*334)	353	4	9	—	19½	27	—

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 62355	Dec 96	3980.0	4001.0	3962.0	3997.0	9685
	Mar 97	3989.0	3995.0	3987.0	4015.0	481
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4191	Dec 96	4410.0	4410.0	4410.0	4410.0	12
	Mar 97				4446.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 520694	Dec 96	93.54	93.56	93.53	93.53	10978
	Mar 97	93.30	93.32	93.27	93.27	10473
	Jun 97	92.97	92.99	92.96	92.97	7723
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.38	99.38	99.36	99.36	180
	Jun 97	99.23	99.23	99.21	99.21	335
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1102702	Dec 96	96.80	96.81	96.79	96.79	8852
	Mar 97	96.81	96.82	96.80	96.81	10229
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 148762	Dec 96	110-15	110-26	110-15	110-18	63666
	Mar 97	109-28	110-04	109-26	109-29	7415
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	125.64	125.67	125.25	125.32	4102
	Mar 97	124.74	124.74	124.37	124.42	1436
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 281149	Dec 96	101.07	101.28	101.06	101.19	129603
	Mar 97	100.10	100.29	100.10	100.20	5602
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 28403	Dec 96	95.86	95.87	95.85	95.86	881
	Mar 97	95.85	95.87	95.85	95.86	388
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 90763	Dec 96	97.96	98.02	97.96	98.00	4172
	Mar 97	97.94	98.01	97.93	97.99	6020
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 107342	Dec 96	127.78	128.44	127.77	128.11	48814
	Mar 97	127.30	127.35	127.15	127.27	1182

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 : 3 mth 6[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible] : 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 6½.					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.29	n/a	5.38	5.43	5.59
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $378.80-379.10 Close: $378.20-378.70 High: $378.85-379.35
Low: $378.00-378.50 AM: $378.30 PM: $378.20

Krugerrand: $378.00-381.00 (£225.25-227.25)

Platinum: $383.75 (£229.10) **Silver:** $4.89 (£2.915) **Palladium:** $118.00 (£70.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8186-2.8254	2.8227-2.8254	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	51.780-51.933	51.843-51.933	16-11pr	45-38pr
Copenhagen	9.6520-9.6744	9.6653-9.6744	[illegible]pr	7-6pr
Dublin	0.9968-1.0002	0.9975-0.9993	11-7pr	19-13pr
Frankfurt	2.5125-2.5189	2.5164-2.5189	[illegible]pr	2-1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	253.76-254.68	254.30-254.62	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	211.43-211.97	211.76-211.97	13-23ds	16-34ds
Milan	2529.9-2537.2	2534.4-2537.2	26-42ds	54-76ds
Montreal	2.2459-2.2491	2.2469-2.2491	0.59-0.54pr	0.128-0.120pr
New York	1.6726-1.6758	1.6748-1.6758	0.108-0.087pr	0.36-0.33pr
Oslo	10.586-10.617	10.608-10.617	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	8.5010-8.5189	8.5113-8.5189	2[illegible]-2pr	[illegible]-6pr
Stockholm	11.051-11.098	11.075-11.098	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	186.39-187.00	186.43-186.68	1-[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.682-17.726	17.708-17.726	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.1212-2.1259	2.1230-2.1258	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

Australia	1.2578-1.2594
Austria	10.56-10.57
Belgium (Com)	30.94-30.95
Canada	1.3420-1.3425
Denmark	5.7660-5.7680
France	5.0798-5.0808
Germany	1.5012-1.5017
Hong Kong	7.7316-7.7326
Ireland	1.6768-1.6788
Italy	1511.60-1513.10
Japan	111.33-111.36
Malaysia	2.5218-2.5225
Netherlands	1.6841-1.6846
Norway	6.3280-6.3310
Portugal	151.73-151.83
Singapore	1.3997-1.4004
Spain	126.36-126.41
Sweden	6.6065-6.6165
Switzerland	1.2669-1.2689

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6739-1.6766
Australia dollar	2.1059-2.1098
Bahrain dinar	0.624-0.636
Brazil real*	1.7326-1.7371
China yuan	13.698-13.998
Cyprus pound	0.758-0.768
Finland markka	7.5125-7.6285
Greece drachma	393.75-400.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.9442-12.9537
India rupee	59.19-60.15
Indonesia rupiah	3873.0-3941.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.494-0.504
Malaysia ringgit	4.2209-4.2251
New Zealand dollar	2.3523-2.3554
Pakistan rupee	66.50 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0225-6.1465
Singapore dollar	2.3421-2.3452
S Africa rand (com)	7.718-7.820
U A E dirham	6.075-6.199

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

3i	285	Lloyds TSB	2,800
ASDA Gp	8,300	LucasVarity	3,200
Abbey Ntl	2,300	Marks Spr	2,800
Allied Dom	1,900	NatWst Bk	3,400
Argos	507	Nat Grid	3,400
AB Foods	436	Nat Power	4,300
BAA	2,700	Next	872
BAT Inds	3,600	Orange	12,200
BOC	3,100	P & O	1,200
BP	3,900	Pearson	414
BSkyB	2,700	Pilkington	5,300
BTR	6,100	PowerGen	5,300
BT	9,000	Prudential	4,100
Bk of Scot	3,100	RMC	502
Barclays	1,500	RTZ	2,000
Bass	607	Railtrack	4,200
Blue Circle	756	Rank Group	2,200
Boots	1,700	Reckitt Col	2,400
BAe	1,100	Redland	1,100
BA	3,300	Reed Intl	959
Brit Gas	30,500	Rentokil	7,100
Brit Steel	8,900	Reuters	4,800
Burmah Cstl	360	Rolls Royce	5,300
Burton	3,700	Royal & Sun	6,800
Cable Wire	2,300	Royal Bk Scr	732
Cadbury	1,400	Safeway	1,700
Carlton Cms	2,000	Sainsbury	2,200
Cm Union	2,100	Schroders	39
Courtaulds	291	Scot & New	730
Dixons	1,700	Scot Power	2,100
EMI	2,300	Svrn Trent	1,400
Enterpr Oil	1,300	Shell Trans	3,600
GKN	1,700	Siebe	1,200
GRE	1,300	SmKl Bch	2,400
GUS	5,400	Smith Nph	560
Gen Acc	509	Smiths Inds	924
Gen Elec	2,600	Std Chartd	807
Glaxo Well	2,300	TI Gp	865
Granada	1,400	Tate & Lyle	395
Grand Met	1,600	Tesco	2,400
Guinness	3,400	Thames W	1,900
HSBC	1,900	Tomkins	3,100
Hanson	5,900	Unilever	2,000
ICI	551	Utd Utilities	2,400
Imp Tob	3,400	Utd News	223
Kingfisher	4,800	Vodafone	13,800
LASMO	2,000	Whitbread	690
Ladbroke	2,000	Wlms Hld	1,400
Land Secs	855	Wolseley	429
Legal & Gn	2,500	Zeneca	1,900

	Nov 19 midday	Nov 18 close
AMP Inc	35⅞	34⅞
AMR Corp	89¼	88½
ASA	39⅝	39¼
AT & T	37¼	37⅛
Abbott Labs	57⅞	57⅜
Advanced Micro	25⅜	25⅛
Aetna Life	69⅝	69⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	32⅝	31¾
Air Prod & Chem	67⅞	68
AirTouch Comm	28⅞	28¾
Alberto-Culver B	49	49
Albertson's	36½	36
Alcan Alumnm	35¾	35⅞
Alco Standard	49⅞	49⅝
Allied Signal	72⅝	71
Alum Co of Am	61¾	62
Amax Gold Inc	6	5⅞
Amerada Hess	56⅞	56⅞
Amer Brands	48⅝	48⅝
Amer El Power	42⅛	41¾
Amer Express	50⅞	50⅝
Amer Genl Corp	39⅝	39⅜
Amer Home Pr	62⅝	62⅞
Amer Intl	110½	110
Amer Stores	40⅝	39⅞
Amer Standard	36⅝	37
Ameritech	55⅝	55⅞
Amoco	77	76⅞
Anheuser-Busch	41¼	41¼
Apple Computer	24⅞	24⅝
Archer Daniels	22⅝	22⅞
Armco	4⅞	4⅞
Armstrng Wrld	70⅝	70⅞
Asarco	27⅛	27⅛
Atl Richfield	132⅝	131
Auto Data Pro	42⅝	42⅛
Avery Dennison	69⅞	69⅝
Avon Products	56⅝	56⅞
Baker Hughes	38⅝	38⅝
Baltim Gas & El	27⅛	27⅛
Banc One	43⅞	42⅝
BankAmerica	98⅞	96-
Bank of NY	33⅝	32⅞
Bankers Tr NY	86	84
Barnett Banks	41½	40⅝
Bausch & Lomb	33⅞	33⅞
Baxter Intl	42⅝	42⅝
Becton Dicknsn	39⅝	40⅝
Bell Atlantic	61	61
Bell Industries	18⅝	18⅝
BellSouth	40	39⅞
Black & Decker	35⅝	34⅞
Block (H&R)	28	28
Boeing	94⅝	93⅝
Boise Cascade	29⅞	29⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	109	108⅝
Browning Ferris	26⅝	26⅛
Brunswick	24⅝	23
Burlington Nthn	86	86
CMS Energy Corp	32⅝	32⅞
CNA Financial	103⅞	104⅞
CPC Intl	80⅝	80⅞
CSX	44⅞	44⅞
Campbell Soup	82⅝	82⅝
Can Pacific	27	26⅞
Carolina Pwr	36½	36⅝
Caterpillar	74	73⅞
Central & SW	27	26⅞
Champion Intl	41½	41½
Chase Manhat	90⅞	89⅞
Chevron Corp	66⅛	65⅞
Chrysler	33⅛	33
Chubb Corp	53⅞	53⅞
Cigna Corp	137⅝	139⅝
Citicorp	106⅛	105⅝
Clorox	107	107⅞
Coastal Corp	46½	46⅞
Coca Cola	52	52⅛
Coca Cola Ent	47⅝	47⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	95	95⅛
Columbia Gas	62⅞	61⅝
ColumbiaHCA	37⅝	37⅞
Compaq Comp	78⅝	78⅝
Comp Ass Int	59⅝	58⅝
ConAgra	52⅝	52⅞
Conrail	96½	98
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Nat Gas	55⅞	55⅝
Cooper Inds	41½	41⅝
CoreStates	52⅝	51⅛
Corning Inc	40⅝	40
Crown Cork	50	50⅞
Dana Corp	31½	31½
Dayton Hudson	37⅝	36⅝
Deere	43	41⅛
Delta Air Lines	77⅝	77⅞
Deluxe Corp	32⅞	32⅞
Digital Equip	34⅝	34
Dillard Dept St	29⅝	30⅞
Disney (Walt)	71⅝	71½
Dominion Res	38⅝	39⅞
Donnelley (RR)	34⅞	33⅞
Dover Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Dow Chemical	83⅝	84⅛
Dow Jones	34⅝	34⅝
Dresser	33	32⅞
Duke Power	47⅞	47⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	22⅞	22⅞
Du Pont	92⅝	92⅝
Eastman Chem	55⅞	56⅛

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Eastman Kodak	84½	83⅝
Eaton Corp	65⅞	66⅝
Edison Intl	19⅝	19⅝
Emerson Elec	99⅞	100
Engelhard Corp	18⅞	19
Enron Corp	44⅞	44½
Entergy	28⅝	28⅝
Ethyl Corp	8⅛	8⅞
Exxon	91½	91½
FMC Corp	75⅝	75⅝
FPL Group	47⅞	47
Federal Express	42	43
Fed Nat Mtge	39⅞	39⅝
First Bk Sys	69⅝	68⅞
First Union Rlty	9⅝	9⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	52⅝	51½
Fluor Corp	69⅞	69⅝
Ford Motor	32	31½
GTE Corp	45⅞	45
Gannett	76⅝	77⅝
Gap Inc Del	31¼	30⅞
Gencorp	16⅝	16⅞
Gen Dynamics	72⅞	72⅞
Gen Electric	104⅝	103⅝
Gen Mills	59⅝	59⅝
Gen Motors	55⅝	55⅝
Gen Reinsurance	159⅝	159⅞
Gen Signal	41	41
Genuine Parts	44	44½
Georgia Pac	70⅝	70
Gillette	74⅝	74
Glaxo Wellc ADR	32⅝	31⅞
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	48⅝	48⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33	33
Great Wstn Fin	29⅝	28⅞
Halliburton	60⅝	60⅞
Harcourt General	52⅞	52⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37⅝	37⅝
Hercules	46½	46½
Hershey Foods	50⅞	51
Hewlett Packard	50⅞	50⅝
Hilton Hotels	28	28⅝
Home Depot	52⅝	52⅝
Homestake Mng	15⅝	15⅝
Honeywell	66½	66⅞
Household Intl	97⅞	95
Houston Inds	23½	23
Humana	18⅝	19⅝
ITT Corp	44⅞	45⅝
Illinois Tool	79⅝	79⅞
Illinova	27½	27½
INCO	33⅞	33⅝
Ingersoll Rand	43⅝	43
Inland Steel	18⅞	18⅝
Intel Corp	118⅞	115⅞
IBM	149⅞	147
Intl Flav & Fr	44⅞	44½
Intl Paper	43	42⅝
James River Va	31	30⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51¼	50⅝
Kellogg	68	68½
Kerr-McGee	66⅛	65⅝
Kimberly-Clark	98	97⅞
Kmart	10⅝	9⅞
Knight-Ridder	40⅝	40⅞
Lilly (Eli)	74⅝	74⅞
Limited Inc	18⅝	17⅞
Lincoln Nat	52⅝	51¼
Litton	47⅞	47
Liz Claiborne	42⅞	42⅛
Lockheed Martin	95⅝	95⅝
Louisiana Pac	22	22
MCI Comm	29⅞	28⅝
Marriott Int	55⅝	55⅞
Marsh & McLnn	111⅝	111
Masco Corp	34⅝	33⅝
May Dept St	46½	46⅝
Maytag Corp	18⅝	18⅝
McDonalds	49	48⅞
McDonnell D	51⅞	52⅝
McGraw Hill	46⅞	46⅝
Mead Corp	58⅝	58⅝
Medtronic	69	68⅞
Mellon Bk	67⅝	66
Melville Corp	41½	41½
Merck Inc	81⅝	81⅝
Merrill Lynch	77⅝	77⅞
Microsoft	152⅝	150⅝
Minnesota Mine	82⅝	82⅝
Mobil Corp	120⅝	119⅞
Monsanto	39⅝	39⅝
Morgan (JP)	89⅝	88⅝
Motorola Inc	54⅝	53⅞
Natl Semi	22⅝	22
Natl Service Ind	34½	34½
Navistar Int	9⅝	9⅞
NY Times A	37⅞	36⅞
Newmont Mng	49	49⅝
Niag Mohawk	8⅝	8⅞
Nike B	54½	55⅝
NL Industries	8⅝	8⅝
Noram Energy	15⅝	15⅝
Nordstrom	41	41
Norfolk Sthrn	89⅝	89⅝
Nthn State Pwr	48⅝	48⅞
Northrop Corp	44	43⅞
Nynex Corp	45⅞	45⅝
Occidental Pet	24⅝	24⅞
Ohio Edison	21½	21⅞

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Oracle	46½	46½
Oryx Energy Co	20⅞	20⅞
Overseas Ship	16⅝	16⅝
Owens Corning	39⅞	39⅝
PHH Corp	43⅝	44⅞
PPG Industries	59	58⅝
PNC Bank	38½	37⅝
PP&L Res	24⅝	24⅝
Paccar Inc	62	60⅞
Pacificorp	21⅝	21½
Pac Enterprises	29⅝	29⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Telesis	34⅞	34⅝
Pall Corp	27	26⅞
Parker Hannifin	40⅝	40
Peco Energy	26⅛	26⅝
Penney (JC)	51¼	51¼
Pennzoil	54	53⅝
Pepsico	31½	31½
Pfizer	88⅝	88⅞
Pharm & Upjhn	37	36⅝
Phelps Dodge	69	68½
Philip Morris	101½	101½
Phillips Pet	42⅞	42½
Pitney Bowes	57⅝	57⅝
Polaroid	41½	41½
PriceCostco	20⅞	20⅝
Procter & Gmbl	107⅝	107⅝
Providian	51½	51½
Pub Serv E & G	28⅝	28⅝
Quaker Oats	37⅝	38
Ralston Purina	76⅝	76⅞
Raychem Corp	80⅝	80⅞
Raytheon	50⅞	51½
Reebok Intl	39⅝	39⅝
Reynolds Metals	58⅞	58⅞
Rockwell Intl	62⅝	61½
Rohm & Haas	78⅝	79⅞
Royal Dutch	171½	170⅞
Rubbermaid	23⅞	23⅝
SBC Comms	49⅝	49⅝
Safeco Corp	38⅝	38⅞
St Paul's Cos	56	55⅝
Salomon Inc	47⅝	48
Sara Lee Corp	39⅝	39⅝
Schering Plough	69⅝	70
Schlumberger	103⅝	104⅝
Seagram	39⅝	38⅞
Sears Roebuck	48⅝	48⅞
Shell Trans	100⅝	100⅞
Sherwin Wlms	55⅝	56
Skyline Corp	27⅝	27½
Snap-On-Tools	34⅞	34⅞
Southern Co	22⅝	22⅝
Sprint Corp	41½	41⅝
Stanley Works	30⅝	29⅝
Sun Company	23⅞	23⅝
Sun Microsys	57⅞	58⅝
Suntrust	48⅞	47⅝
Supervalu	30⅝	30⅝
Sysco Corp	34⅝	34⅞
TRW Inc	96⅞	96⅞
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	13⅝	13⅝
Tandy Corp	40⅞	41
Temple Inland	51½	51½
Tenneco	49⅝	49⅝
Texaco	99⅝	98⅝
Texas Inst	54⅝	54⅝
Texas Utilities	41¼	41½
Textron	91⅞	90⅝
Time Warner	40⅞	41
Times-Mirror A	50⅝	49⅝
Timken	45⅝	44⅞
Torchmark	50⅝	50⅝
Toys R Us	36⅞	35⅞
Transamerica	79⅝	78⅝
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Tribune	86⅝	86⅝
Tyco Int	53⅝	54⅝
UST Inc	32⅞	32
UAL	52⅝	52⅝
US Inds	29⅝	29⅝
US West Comm	30⅝	30⅝
USX Marathon	22⅝	22⅝
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Unilever NV	167	167⅝
Union Camp	49⅝	48⅞
Union Carbide	46	45⅞
Union Pacific	59⅝	59⅝
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USAIR Group	22⅝	22⅝
USF&G Corp	19⅝	19⅞
US Life	30⅝	29⅞
United Tech	132⅞	131⅝
Unocal Corp	40⅞	40⅞
VF Corp	67⅝	67⅞
WMX Tech	34⅝	34⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅞	26⅞
Warner-Lambert	70⅝	71⅞
Wells Fargo	281⅝	277
Westinghouse El	18⅝	18⅝
Weyerhaeuser	45⅞	45⅝
Whirlpool	46⅞	46⅞
Whitman	23⅞	23⅝
[illegible]	33⅝	33⅝
Woolworth	21½	20⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	55⅝	55⅝
Xerox	47⅝	47⅝
Yellow Corp	15⅝	16

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Standard Life springs a leak

IT'S all hands on deck at Standard Life, after the assurance company's luxury cruise *competition* sprung a leak.

Seduced by pictures of palm trees and azure *skies in the* company's quarterly newsletter, customers were invited to complete a crossword and win a "superb two-week *cruise to the Caribbean* for two people on the *Cunard Countess*". But the *Cunard Countess* is no more; Kvaerner sold it to an Indonesian company at the end of last month. Sibbald Travel, the Edinburgh-based operators, *omitted to tell* Standard Life. "We will be offering an equally prestigious prize instead," a somewhat-abashed spokeswoman told us.

Toytown Ferrari

AN advertising agent is raffling his red Ferrari at £10 a ticket to raise money for Children In Need: David Desborough, who *bid £1,000 for* the child-sized sports car at a charity auction ten years ago, is happy to see the back of it. "It has not moved from the garden shed — I didn't even taken it out of its box," he says, *adding that* his memories of the actual night remain vague. Even Desborough's children were not allowed take a look at his new wheels. So, on Friday, Michael Bright, *classic car enthusiast and* chief executive at Independent *Insurance*, will raffle the Ferrari at the London Underwriting Centre.

"Too many forgeries about if you ask me"

Ship ahoy

EVER wanted to watch your colleagues make their way to work on a boat *emblazoned with your* name. White Horse Ferries, the marine transport company launching a 60-seat ferry service between London Bridge and Canary Wharf next Monday, could hold the key. The company, owned by four brothers, *wants to set up* and operate a 14-fleet service in time for the millennium. Having already splashed out £1.6 million on the project, the brothers are inviting City tycoons *the chance to* participate in a profit-share arrangement. A *ferry* will cost around £250,000 and the initial return on investment will be shielded from tax by capital depreciation of the vessel. Investors will also enjoy their choice of vessel *name* and livery.

THE SUDDEN arrival of winter caused chaos in the City yesterday. It was gridlock at City Brasserie, where infuriated diners were forced to queue for the coat check. Harrassed staff were less than cool with customers kept waiting in a line that stretched all the way around the block.

Smoke screen

MIKE GREENLEES, chief executive of GGT, the advertising agency, is trying to give up smoking in the midst of the company's attempts to complete its £110 million purchase of BDDP. This is bad news for Mark Baylis, the finance director, who tells me that Greenlees appears to be smoking as much as ever, without actually buying any cigarettes.

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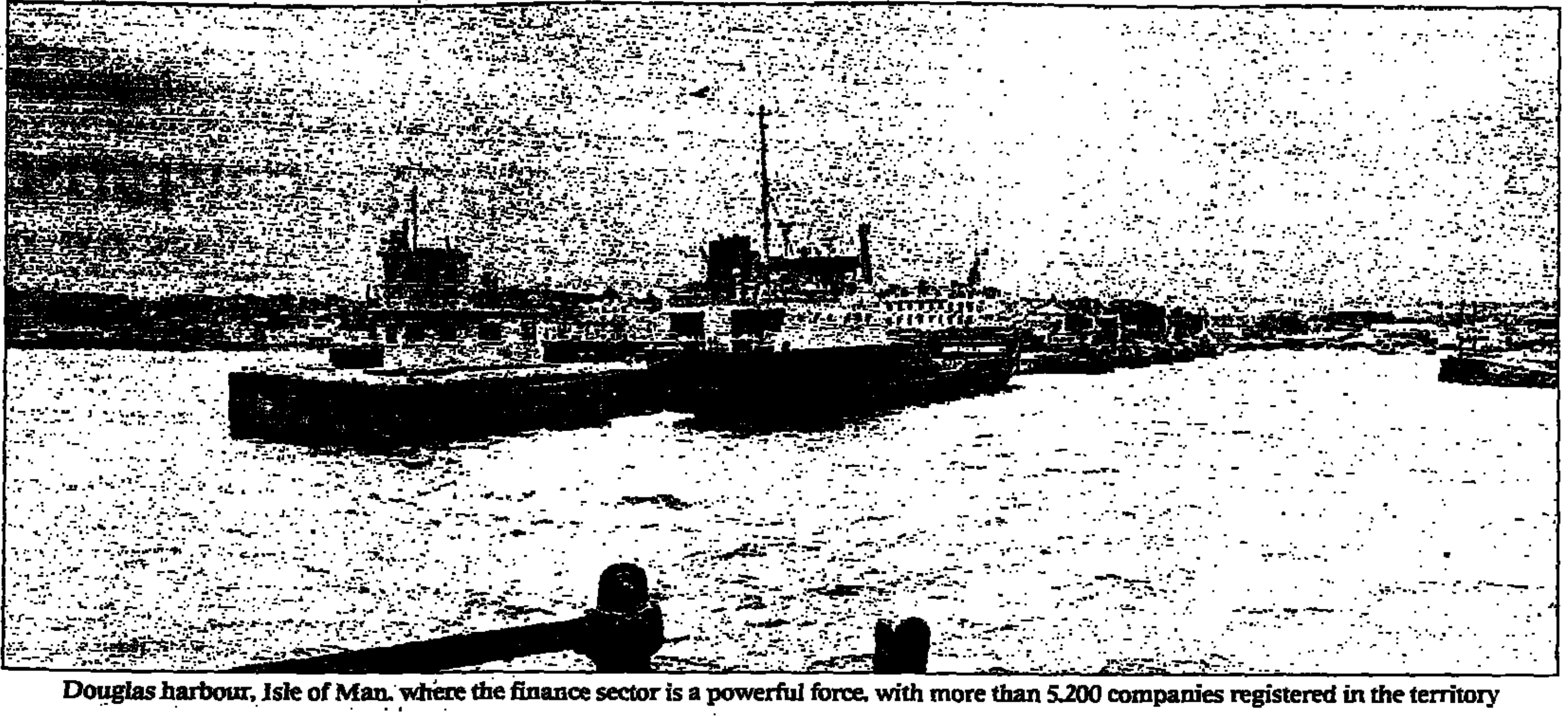


Douglas harbour, Isle of Man, where the finance sector is a powerful force, with more than 5,200 companies registered in the territory

Places of shelter for the good, the bad and simply unsavoury

Mil-Tec has put the spotlight on tax havens.

Robert Miller and **Jon Ashworth** report

Headlines about offshore tax havens rarely make happy reading. The furore over *Mil-Tec Corporation*, the Isle of Man-registered company at the centre of allegations of supplying some £3.3 million of arms to the former Rwandan Army, is just the latest — and particularly unsavoury — example.

Offshore centres tend to be seen *either as a shelter from the taxman for* the very wealthy, or a facilitator to those who want to shield their activities from local and international authorities through special trusts or off-the-shelf companies that can be bought for as little as £600 a year.

But then it is just as easy, and *often* cheaper by hundreds of pounds, to buy an off-the-shelf company on the UK mainland. What is more, millions of people domiciled on the UK mainland hold offshore bank and building society accounts, and offshore funds, for sound fiscal reasons. Close to home, the Channel islands of Guernsey, Jersey and tiny Sark, and the Isle of Man, are recognised as obvious offshore centres but so are Luxembourg and Gibraltar.

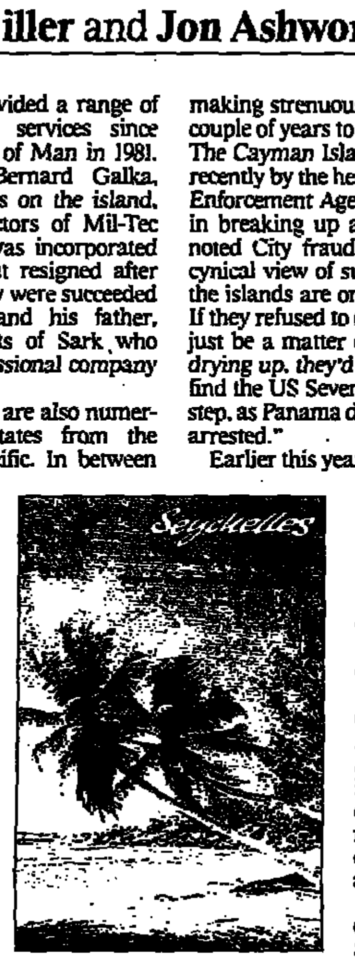
The Isle of Man, now in the spotlight because of Mil-Tec, is a major base for all types of international corporate and *investment business. The finance* sector is a powerful force on the island, providing nearly one in five jobs, and generating about 36 per cent of the national income. More than 5,200 companies are registered in the territory, contributing at least £2 million in fees to the local economy.

A non-resident company such as Mil-Tec *can be set up for as little as* £485, according to Jordans, a UK company specialising in company formations. Administration is likely to cost £400 a year, and the provision of nominee shareholders will cost a further £150 per annum. Non-resident *company duty is payable at a rate of* £600 a year.

The first year's annual administration fee includes a registered office address and a full secretarial service. This would cover the creation and maintenance of the statutory registers. Directors are available for appointment at an annual cost of about £250. *There are extra charges for any* work done on behalf of the company.

BDO Binder, the firm that administers Mil-Tec, has provided a range of custodial and other services since setting up in the Isle of Man in 1981. John Clarke and Bernard Galka, *BDO's representatives on the island*, were appointed directors of Mil-Tec when the company was incorporated in February 1993, but resigned after just four months. They were succeeded by John Donnelly and his father, Trevor, both residents of Sark who *earn a living as professional company* directors.

Further afield there are also numerous small island states from the Caribbean to the Pacific. In between are many other countries whose strict laws *on banking* secrecy are legendary, and into this category fall Liechtenstein and Switzerland. But both these countries would argue that when it comes to co-operating with over*seas regulators and* police forces they provide every assistance, although depending on the nature of the inquiry or investigation this can still take time.



Holiday and offshore haven

As one senior City lawyer said yesterday: "There are sliding scales in terms of help from the offshore and banking centres. You have to remember that their economies are generally built on the fact that they *are* tax havens so inquiries about tax frauds are not likely to elicit as much help as say drug-*related profits, money-laundering* money or banking frauds."

The Cayman Islands have long been associated with "opaque" offshore trusts and a haven in which international criminals have hidden much of their wealth from the prying eyes of *investigators*. The British *Virgin* Islands is another. Yet both these island states *would claim* that they have been making strenuous efforts over the past couple of years to clean up their image. The Cayman Islands was *commended* recently by the head of America's Drug *Enforcement Agency for its assistance* in breaking up a cocaine cartel. One noted City fraudbuster takes a more cynical view of such efforts: "Many of the islands are on America's doorstep. If they refused to co-operate it wouldn't just be a matter of vital economic aid *drying up, they'd probably wake up to* find the US Seventh fleet on their door step, as Panama did when Noriega was arrested."

Earlier this year senior officials from the Serious Fraud Office went public in *an interview with The Times* to express their concerns that efforts to prosecute criminals, whether drug-runners, financial fraudsters or arms dealers, and to cut off the proceeds *from their criminal* activities were being hampered by a lack of co-operation with many of the smaller offshore islands around the world.

The example most quoted was that of *the Seychelles and its* Economic Development Act (EDA), which was dubbed "a money-launderer's charter". Critics of the EDA claimed that, for $10 million, criminals, including UK citizens, could obtain diplomatic status in the Seychelles and a guarantee that their assets will be *protected if any foreign authority tried* to seize or even trace them.

The civil and criminal authorities in the UK say that they alone cannot win the battle against money-laundering and the use of offshore havens to mask illegal or even "unsavoury" activities. To this end there is now a duty of care on banks, building societies, City investment *houses, lawyers*, accountants and auditors to check out their *clients before taking them on* and being satisfied as to the source of the money. *In theory at least it should* now be impossible for someone to walk into a Channel Islands or Isle of Man bank with $1 million and ask to open an account without being challenged as to *where the money came from* and how it was earned.

With millions of companies and trusts being operated out of so many offshore centres there is no way that the authorities can keep tabs on each one to intercept any evidence of wrongdoing so they must generally rely on the help of others. The catch-phrase beloved of *all watchdogs, civil and criminal, is* "Know Your Client".

Gay Sellars, international tax partner at Ernst & Young, one of the leading firms of accountants, said: "We have extremely stringent client acceptance procedures. We go through a *number of checks, including references* which we take up and check on. If someone wanted to set up an overseas or offshore company, and we were the advisers or auditors, we would want to know all the reasons."

Ms Sellars added that the actual mechanism of setting up an offshore company from the UK was not that *difficult since the abolition of exchange* controls, although there was a contingent known as Treasury Consent that was still on the statute books. This, however, is more of an Inland Revenue monitoring device, she said.

Offshore companies, bank accounts and special trusts are used every day by millions of people pursuing lawful business. *With the help of the regulatory* authorities in the offshore centres *and their liaison with UK* watchdogs, the illegal and unsavoury aspect of offshore financial systems can be watched closely.

The real problem, however, is *summed up by Brendan Hewson*, a former senior UK fraud squad officer and a *vice-president at the US* NationsBank, who said: "Fraudsters can go to any airport in the world and take the next flight out to freedom. Law-enforcement officers have to go through complicated and diplomatic channels and apply for special *Commission Rogatoire* letters."

In the meantime, the criminals get to *enjoy the fruits of their ill-gotten gains.*

ANTHONY HARRIS

Explaining the high demand for nonsense

A favourite *slogan of* my first stockbroker was: "The market is always right." To an arrogant young economist, this seemed obvious nonsense. Financial markets are always, I argued — yes, always — en route from one *untenable position to* another, and can only even *look right by making the* journey a slow one. Clever stuff: but a few attempts to out-guess the trend taught me what he meant. The market may know next to nothing about real life: but it *does know (except at rare* turning-points) where it itself is going. In the words of my favourite Swiss banker (not a gnome): "My reason tells me the market is much too high; my book tells me it *is going up*."

Why this disparity? *Because the time scales* are hopelessly out of synch. The forces that determine underlying long-term trends — "secular" bull and bear markets — are glacially slow. The bull market caused by a *baby boom runs for a working* lifetime; then it reverses, remorselessly. A technological lead used to last a century (though not any more) and a coalfield or an oilfield two or three. Even *the shock of a big financial* crash can reverberate for a *quarter century, as* after 1929.

None of this matters in the least to market professionals: they make their money not by guessing what will happen in the real world, *but by guessing in advance* what less professional investors will be worring *about* next. Tracking the real world through market prices is about as useful as observing a glacier with a high-speed camera. This explains why the market's own *economists — men who really* do know better — talk nonsense so *much of the* time. They are afraid that they might otherwise be convincing. Clients will not thank them for a good forecast if it points to a losing investment strategy — *the Roger Bootle view of* inflation, for example; brilliant economics, but a rotten gilts pointer. Much safer to offer "forecasts" that support market trends. That is the right story to believe if you seriously want to get rich.

None of this is news to any *experienced investor or reporter: but that brings us* to the real puzzle. Why do these people *still* treat so-called market forecasts (whether written down or derived from yield curves) as if they had anything *to* tell us, except about the markets? We have been warned endlessly, *for example, that* "the market expects" British *inflation or interest rates* to rise. Since both fell consistently for years, this would argue amazing obstinacy; but in fact the yields are telling us no such thing. They told us simply that the *professional speculators* who were borrowing such astronomic *sums in* Japanese yen preferred the mark or the Swiss franc for the long side of their "play".

Now we see something *even odder*: attempts to read the *political* future from the price charts. The detailed negotiations over EMU have become a tense international power struggle, as Anatole Kaletsky pointed out yesterday: and the loser may yet go off in a huff. Talk *to a German banker, and he* will tell you that the odds on EMU actually starting in 1999 are no better than evens. But talk to a London trader who reveres the market, and you will hear that EMU — *and even* Italian first-stage membership is *inevitable — "a done deal."* Why? Because European bond yields have converged.

Nonsense. What the yield curves tell us is that the profession*als have been making what* they call "a convergence play" — an educated guess that markets would respond only sluggishly to the possible approach of EMU, so that they can be there first. Their implied slogan: "Angels rush in where fools fear *to tread"; and quite right,* too. But they have made their money by now, and are moving on to other "plays". George Soros, for example, is now reported to be going massively short of the Swiss franc. This will interest you if you believe that anyone *actually knows what Soros* is doing; or if you suspect that Soros (or some other hedge speculator) has completed such a move, and is now trying to encourage others to buy his position. All absorbingly interesting to poker players: but not, *surely, to economists.*

US West shows signs of retreat from Britain

The latest round of telecoms mergers has put increased *pressure on one* cable operator,

says **Eric Reguly**

An early radiophone from 1984. Only the fittest flourish in the fast-moving telecommunications environment with its premium on consolidation

Is US West, one of America's largest cable and media groups, preparing to scale back its $1 billion *investment* in Britain? There are indications that it is considering a sweeping reorganisation of its holdings, one that could reduce its local exposure.

If so, it would not be alone. Its rival American companies such as Nynex, Southwestern Bell *and* Cox Communications are all on the retreat from Britain.

US West insists that it is committed to Britain but nonetheless is pulling back in some areas. The process started last week when US West International, its overseas investment arm based in *London*, confirmed that it had placed Thomson Directories on the *auction* block.

The news came as a surprise. US West bought *Thomson* only two years ago, reportedly paying about *£90 million*, and gave every indication that it was gearing up for a fight *with British Telecom's* Yellow Pages business.

Thomson, US West explained, no longer fits its core international strategy. Gary Ames, *chief executive* of US West International, said: "We're really trying *to focus on* wireless communications and the cable-telephony business." *That may* be so, but questions hang over those investments in Britain. US West owns 27 *per cent of TeleWest* Communications, Britain's largest cable company, and *half of Mercury* One-2-One, the smallest of the four mobile phone networks. The other portfolio holding is 9 per cent of Flextech, the cable *and satellite TV programmer* that recently struck a deal with the BBC to launch a series of BBC-themed subscription channels.

> ❛ With 27 per cent of the equity, US West does not have the luxury of deciding TeleWest's future ❜

TeleWest represents the biggest investment of the lot — and the biggest disappointment. TeleWest *floated in* late 1994 at 182p a share and immediately sank as the outlook for the industry in general, and TeleWest in particular, went from bad to worse. The *shares are now* trading at 125½p, making US West's *investment worth only about* £320 million.

The cable company, saddled with stubbornly high disconnection rates and low penetration rates, is looking particularly vulnerable at the moment. The reason is that the latest round of mergers have left it out in the cold. TeleWest can take credit for starting the consolidation craze in 1995 with the purchase of SBC *CableComms, the fifth-largest* player.

But the mother of all deals, the proposed merger of Mercury Communications, owned 80 per cent by Cable and Wireless, and three leading cable companies — Nynex, *Bell CableMedia and Videotron* — has upstaged TeleWest. Analysts think that the merged cable and phone company group, to be called Cable and Wireless Communications, has the potential to be a *telecoms* and media powerhouse.

The consensus among analysts and rival cable companies is that US West would consider *selling its TeleWest* stake unless TeleWest can strike a deal that gives it greater industry clout. But with only 27 per cent of the equity, *US West does not have* the luxury of determining TeleWest's future. It would have to convince Tele-Communications International, *which also owns 27 per cent*, and Southwestern Bell and Cox Communications, each with 10 per cent, to support its proposals. The trouble is the latter two are anxious to get out. One analyst said: "It wouldn't surprise me in the *least if US West sold its stake* in TeleWest." But Mr Ames maintains the speculation is wrong, but he admits that the cable company is in flux. "I do believe there will be more *consolidation in the industry*, and TeleWest is open to further expansion," he said. "We've *had conversations with* a lot of people about that."

One-2-One's future is also uncertain. The mobile-phone company made the mistake of rolling out its network exceedingly slowly and is now struggling to catch its rival Orange, which made national coverage a *priority from the onset*. Nonetheless, One-2-One *should be profitable before the* end of the decade. The question is whether US West will stick around that long.

The idea of merging One-2-One with the new Cable and Wireless Communications group, a deal which would create the first cable, media and *mobile-communications* company, has been floated. If it *happens, US West's* ownership may get diluted.

US West's investments in Britain have been costly and, for the most part, disappointing. It said that it remains a believer in the British market, *but forces may work against* it in the end.

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Jump in cost for business gas users

Industrial gas users have encountered a dramatic jump in prices in a move that swiftly reverses recent falls in market rates for the fuel.

The average cost of gas for business users rose more than 5 per cent, according to the 1996 survey by National Utility Services (NUS). This represents a huge swing from the 40 per cent drop in prices recorded in 1995.

Prices have been squeezed upwards by increasing spot market prices, a tightening of margins by independent suppliers, and the consumption of surplus North Sea gas.

NUS believes there is also some upward pressure on prices from uncertainty over a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into the pricing controls on TransCo.

The price increase is in contrast with the domestic market, where customers are beginning to see bill reductions as competition develops in gas supply. Andrew Johns, NUS director, said: "The honeymoon period that British industry has enjoyed with the injection of competition into the market is over."

The price hardening is expected to continue as winter sets in. Prices for gas on the spot market have risen from below 10p a therm to 15p a therm in recent weeks.

Sales improve at Merchant

The Merchant Retail Group cut its interim loss from £3.3 million to £206,000 after a pick-up in sales at the Perfume Shop and Joplings department stores.

At the Perfume Shop, like-for-like sales were up 11 per cent, while at Joplings they were up 6.4 per cent.

The company is planning to expand the Perfume Shop chain from its current total of 28 stores by opening four more in the second half and 15 next year. In the six months to September 28, the company had a loss per share of 0.28p, compared with 0.76p a year ago.

£13m raised

Oliver Ashworth, the pipeline distributor, will be valued at £26.3 million when it joins the main stock market on Monday. The company has raised £13 million from the float, which it intends to use to reduce debt and build up funds for possible acquisitions.

Ross Buckland, Unigate chief executive, has £58 million cash and no borrowings despite spending £100 million on acquisitions in the first half

Allied Colloids lines up record £234m acquisition

By Fraser Nelson

ALLIED COLLOIDS, the chemicals group, is to buy one of its main US suppliers for £234 million, its largest ever acquisition.

The takeover of CPS Chemicals, an intermediates and finished polymers producer, will be partly financed through a £173 million rights issue, with a further £61 million funded through borrowings. Phil Meisel, who set up CPS in 1955, will receive a £112 million cash windfall from the deal, with his family sharing a further £113 million. Mr Meisel was first on the point of selling his business to Allied in 1989, but pulled out in the final stages of negotiations. Now 69, he is set to retire.

David Farrar, Allied's chief executive, said the merger would provide the enlarged group with a much stronger command of its core markets and firmer control of raw material costs, which recently forced a decline in profits.

Mr Farrar said: "We have been badly hit by price increases in the past, but the combined group will have a huge level of purchasing power, putting us in a much stronger position."

Allied will raise the £173 million through offering up to 153 million shares at 118p each on a two-for-seven basis. The issue, Allied's first cash call in 20 years, is being fully underwritten by Kleinwort Benson.

Mr Farrer said the company should easily absorb the remaining £61 million of debt, although borrowing the sum would double its gearing.

Allied reported better than expected interim results for the six months to September 30. It said that the cost of raw materials recovered in the second half helped to lift pretax profits for the first time in two years, rising 3.7 per cent to £21.1 million.

Sales grew in all divisions except textiles, which declined 13 per cent after being dragged down by sluggish conditions in the sector. Allied's new Superabsorbents plant in Grimsby was running at 65 per cent of capacity by October and is expected to break into profit before next March. The company forecast even stronger growth in the second half and raised the interim dividend 10 per cent to 0.64p in spite of a modest rise in earnings from 2.81p per share to 2.84p. The dividend is due February 14.

Analysts forecast that if the recovery in raw material prices continues, Allied's full-year profits would be £55 million (£42 million) by the year end, even without the three-month contribution from CPS.

In 1995, CPS generated profit of £21.3 million, before interest and tax, on sales of £94 million — £13.2 million of which was to Allied.

Unigate to consider European purchases

By Sarah Cunningham

UNIGATE is seeking acquisitions in the food and distribution businesses of continental Europe, the company indicated yesterday as it reported a slight rise in interim profits in spite of lower earnings from milk.

In the six months to September 30, the company made a pre-tax profit of £60.6 million, compared with £60.4 million a year ago. Operating profit in the distribution and fresh foods divisions rose, but in dairy it fell £2.9 million to £17.6 million. Across the whole group, operating profit rose 7 per cent to £59.3 million.

In the first half the group spent £100 million on acquiring Kraft's Vitalite and Golden Churn business and the Hargrave pork products business. Unigate now has £58 million cash and no borrowings and is looking at further food purchases and at expanding Wincanton, its distribution business, into continental Europe through acqusitions.

As a result of the Kraft acquisition, St Ivel's share of the UK margarines and spreads market has grown to just over 25 per cent. Elsewhere in the fresh foods division, yogurt sales fell although desserts, comprising Cadbury, St Ivel and own label, continued to show good growth. Fruit juice volumes improved slightly, but profits suffered from the impact of raw material cost increases.

Unigate signalled a year ago that butter and milk powder prices were unsustainably high, and the BSE crisis has since added to the woes of milk producers. Lower prices for butter and milk powders cost the company an estimated £4 million in the first half. Overall liquid milk volumes declined 7 per cent, with doorstep sales down 11 per cent in the six months and sales to supermarkets declining 2.4 per cent.

Unigate has completed its exit from US restaurants, selling Black-eyed Pea in July and Taco-Bueno and Casa Bonita in the past few weeks.

Earnings per share were marginally higher at 19p (18.8p) and the interim dividend has been increased 5.3 per cent to 7p.

Great Portland boosts rent roll

By Carl Mortished

ACQUISITIONS and lettings have added an extra £4 million to the future rent roll at Great Portland Estates, the property group with large holdings north of Oxford Street in London.

Great Portland's net rental income for the half-year to September grew 2 per cent to £47.6 million but pre-tax profits fell from £23.8 million to £21.9 million because of higher finance costs and smaller profits from property disposals. Richard Peskin, chairman, said that earnings in the second half would be similar to the first half. However, he reported an improving trend in the London property market: "In the past few months there has undoubtedly been a firm underlying tone to the investment and letting markets, particularly in the West End."

The company's office redevelopment at 160 Great Portland Street was let in July, under two 12-year leases providing a total income of £2 million per annum. In addition, two properties were acquired in June for £23 million which will bring in a further £2 million per annum in rent by 1998. The company also secured control over a 38-acre site next to the M20 motorway near Ashford, Kent, and the company is seeking planning permission to build a leisure park.

Great Portland is paying a maintained interim dividend of 2.9p after revenue earnings per share of 5p (4.9p).

Peskin: London cheer

Porvair price slides on profits warning

By Martin Barrow

SHARES of Porvair, the manufacturer of industrial materials, whose shares traded at 431p earlier this year, fell a further 66p to 199p yesterday after the company said pre-tax profits would not exceed £4.2 million in the current financial year, ending November 30.

The company said an anticipated strong recovery in trading had failed to materialise in the final quarter. Sales and profits were significantly lower than expected in four of Porvair's six companies. The profit shortfall was compounded by the decision to accelerate investment in the second half.

John Morgan, chairman, said Porvair's underlying strength was intact and the future continued to look promising, despite the short-term difficulties. Porvair earned £5.12 million pre-tax profit in the last financial year.

Bupa eyes Irish Republic

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

BUPA, the UK private healthcare company, heralded a new era of competition in the Republic of Ireland with the launch in Dublin of several strong packages designed to challenge the state-owned Voluntary Health Insurance (VHI) company.

Martin O'Rourke, Bupa Ireland's managing director, claimed the new products — which include a package with full cover for hospital treatment at a cost of Ir£172 a year — would encourage more people to join private healthcare schemes. One third of the Republic's population, almost 1.3 million people, have private health cover with the self-financing, non-profit VHI. Last year income from premiums exceeded Ir£232 million.

Set up by the Irish Government in 1957, VHI has enjoyed a monopoly on private healthcare. In recent years it has been criticised for increasing its premiums ahead of the rate of inflation. VHI blamed escalating health costs.

The arrival of a competitor on the Irish market and the defection to Bupa of several of its leading staff, including Mr O'Rourke, has prompted VHI to review its operations.

VHI's chief executive resigned in September after a public boardroom squabble about his performance. A replacement has yet to be appointed. However, VHI has insisted that the reputation it has built up over the past 30 years will ensure that it will stave off the Bupa challenge.

Access Plus valued at £12.6m on AIM

ACCESS PLUS, a print-related marketing services company, will be valued at £12.66 million when its shares begin trading on the Alternative Investment Market on Monday.

Shares representing 35 per cent of the issued share capital are being placed with institutional investors at 90p each on behalf of Charterhouse Development Capital, which invested in the company in 1991. No directors are selling shares at the time of the placing.

Access Plus is forecasting pre-tax profits of £1.3 million after flotation costs for the year to the end of December and earnings of 5.4p a share, compared with £1.4 million and 6.4p per share respectively for the previous 12 month period.

Clearer picture at Norcros

NORCROS, the much reorganised company that is now concentrating on tiles and showers, has stopped taking a profits credit for one of its largest hidden assets — the £80 million surplus in its pension fund (Paul Durman writes).

The company is seeking to give a clearer picture of its underlying performance after years of results muddied by restructuring. Joe Matthews, chief executive, said the pension credit would have added £2.5 million to the half-year operating profits of £6.9 million announced yesterday.

Mr Matthews was reluctant to discuss the "highly sensitive" possibility that the pension fund could repay part of the surplus to the company. However, he said the fund's trustees would be obliged to consider that option if the surplus continued to grow. Norcros reported interim profits of £51.2 million for the six months to September 30. The big increase on the £18.7 million it made in the comparable period last year was down to a £45.8 million profit on the sale of PP Payne and Nor Systems, the packaging and labelling businesses.

An interim payment of 1p a share is due on January 3.

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Enterprise Inns sets sights on more pubs

ENTERPRISE INNS, the independent pub group, said yesterday that it would be keen to buy pubs from Bass should the brewer be forced to sell part of its estate as a condition of buying Carlsberg-Tetley. Enterprise added that it is considering other buying opportunities — ranging from individual pubs to corporate acquisitions — and is prepared to fund expansion with another rights issue.

The company announced a 13 per cent rise, to £8.7 million, in full-year profits before tax and exceptionals. Overall turnover rose 35 per cent, to £38 million. Enterprise said it had substantially completed the integration of the 500 pubs acquired with the £61 million purchase of the John Labatt estate in June, and, as a result of the expansion, has been able to renegotiate its main beer supply deals on better terms. Last year it invested £3 million in improving its estate and expects to spend a further £4 million this year. A maiden final dividend of 4.5p, payable January 24, makes a total of 6.75p.

Lloyds Chemists advice

LLOYDS CHEMISTS has advised shareholders to take no action over two rival takeover offers. Gehe, the German group, has offered £650 million cash, while UniChem is proposing a mix of cash and shares worth about £641.2 million. Lloyds said: "Neither bidder has declared its offers final and the board of Lloyds Chemists continues to advise shareholders to take no action in relation to their shareholdings in Lloyds Chemists for the time being." Lloyds said both offers provided shareholders with more value than could be achieved by the company remaining independent in the short term.

Indian Tobacco arrests

TWO more executives connected with Indian Tobacco Company, whose largest shareholder is Britain's BAT Industries, have been arrested on foreign exchange charges. R.P. Agrawal, the executive director, and P.K. Talwarby, director for finance of ITC Bhadrachalam Paperboards, were due to appear before a Calcutta magistrate for a bail hearing. Federal police raided the company's offices on October 30 and arrested four current or past executives. The company is accused of creating false invoices for exports and imports of tobacco and machinery to hide $4 million abroad.

Warning from Widney

SHARES of Widney fell 15½p to 49½p after the specialist engineering company gave warning that profits for the year to September 28 would fall below expectations. Results will be hit by action to address poor profitability at the brewery division of the company's Chadburns subsidiary, incurring restructuring costs of £750,000, and reduced production schedules at Widney Enclosures. The company, which earned profits of £1.65 million last year, expects to maintain the final dividend at 2.5p a share for an unchanged a total of 3.5p.

Rights issue by Vision

VISION GROUP, the specialist camera supplier, is raising £11.5 million via a rights issue to enhance the manufacturing capability of its subcontractors and to meet additional working capital requirements. Investors are being offered three new shares for every 19 held at 235p each. Existing shares rose 55½p yesterday to 321½p. The company reported increased losses of £2.3 million before tax for the year to July 31, against losses of £1.5 million previously, but said that it made a profit £68,114 in the three months to the end of October.

Cosalt shares rise

SHARES of Cosalt rose 15p to 222½p yesterday after the supplier of marine and industrial safety equipment announced a 12 per cent rise in the total dividend to 9.8p a share, with the payment of a 6.2p final. Pre-tax profits in the year to September 1 rose to £3.75 million, from £2.8 million, on turnover that improved to £84.5 million from £73.2 million. Cosalt said that Crewsaver, a manufacturer of lifejackets and buoyancy aids acquired for up to £990,000 in February, had enhanced earnings.

Maiden from Rebus

REBUS, the computer services company demerged from CE Heath in April, is paying a maiden interim dividend of 0.6p a share. The company reported pre-tax profits of £2.3 million, down from an adjusted £2.5 million previously, and reflecting new corporate overheads arising from its status as a separate public company. Rebus said that its core business produced a 39 per cent increase in profits. The company's turnover rose 7 per cent to £30.3 million.

Ferraris enjoys boom

FERRARIS GROUP, the products and services group for the medical and precision components sector, said that order books were at record levels and markets remained strong. In the year to August 31, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £1.43 million from £648,000. Earnings were 9.7p a share, compared with 6.4p previously. A final dividend of 1.75p a share lifts the total to 2.8p, from 2.35p. The company's medical products and instruments divisions report particularly buoyant demand in America and the European Union.

Adam & Harvey steady

ADAM & HARVEY, the distribution and steel stockholding company with interests in Africa, the UK, China and eastern Germany, held pre-tax profits unchanged at £2.5 million in the half year to September 30, in spite of a fall in turnover to £24.2 million from £27.3 million. Earnings rose to 34.6p a share from 30.8p. The interim dividend is increased to 12.25p a share from 11p. The company said that its cash position remained strong but warned investors the recent appreciation of sterling would affect overseas earnings.

European Colour up

EUROPEAN COLOUR, the pigments and coatings business, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.48 million from £1.36 million in the half year to September 30. Earnings rose to 2.41p a share from 2.35p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.825p a share from 0.775p. Turnover was unchanged at £10.25 million, in spite of a £778,000 contribution from acquisitions. The company said that it would seek to offset the adverse impact of a stronger pound through targeted sourcing of raw materials and careful treasury planning.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ANNAVALE LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF on 27th November 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 13th November 1996.

A R PETERS, Director.

ORIELNICHE LIMITED FORMERLY CARLSBRO ELECTRONICS LIMITED

(IN LIQUIDATION)

Company Number 1396573.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 4 November 1996 L K Denney was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference-RELF, Deloitte & Touche, 1 Woodborough Road, Nottingham NG1 3FG

AK-JUPITER COMPANY LIMITED

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that: (1) The above named Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase (2) The amount of the permissable capital payment for the shares in question is £44,620.00 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 14th November 1996. (3) The statutory declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' report required by Sections 173 and 174 of the said Act are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Britton House, 10 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1NT. (4) Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 14th November 1996 apply to the Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Act for an Order prohibiting the payment.

AKIRA KITAMURA, Director on behalf of the Company.

Monaity Limited

Registered Number: 2550914.

Trading Name: Pilgrim Frozen Foods.

Nature of Business: Frozen Food Distributors.

Trade Classification: 12.

Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 14 November 1996.

Type of Security: Fixed and Floating Charge.

Date of Security: 14 February 1991.

Name of persons appointed: I P Phillips and L A Manning both of BUCHLER PHILLIPS, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF. (Office Holder Nos: 8291 and 6477).

BAXTER FELL
NORTHFLEET LIMITED
High Court of Justice
No 3554 of 1990

FORMERLY TRADING AS BFN STOREFITTERS of Tower Works, Lower Road, Gravesend, Kent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Malcolm Barry Harris of Harris Kafton, First Floor, 7 Harley Street, London W1N 1DA was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 10th October 1996.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 9th December 1996 to send in their Proof of Debt to: MALCOLM B HARRIS of Harris Kafton, First Floor, 7 Harley Street, London W1N 1DA the Liquidator of the said Company or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 11th November 1996

MALCOLM B HARRIS,

Liquidator

Arrow Camtrak Limited

Registered Number: 2777967.

Nature of Business: Camera Tracking

Trade Classification: 23

Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 11 November 1996

Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver(s): National Westminster Bank PLC.

Type of Security: Fixed and floating charge.

Date of Security: 27/09/93

Name of persons appointed: Lee Antony Manning and Simon Vincent Freakley both of BUCHLER PHILLIPS, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF (Office Holder Nos: 6477 and 8291).

Charterhouse Foods (Bristol) Limited

(IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1988, notice is hereby given that I J.J. Schapira, ACA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 14th November 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

DATED THIS 14th November 1996

J.J. Schapira, ACA

Liquidator.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION

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Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Captain Durston's Charity

Captain Thomas Durston of Catcott, near Bridgwater, Somerset died in 1688. By his Will he created a Trust Fund the income from which is to be distributed amongst his poor kindred who can derive themselves to be descended from his grandfather Thomas Durston or his brother Robert Durston. The Trustees would be glad to hear from any eligible applicants who are in need. Further details and application forms can be obtained from the correspondent to the Charity Mr M J Garrett of Messrs W H Palmer & Sons, 2/4 York Buildings, Cornhill, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3BR.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Peabody Donation Fund.

Scheme for Parliamentary Scheme.

Reference: A5-206061/7025-L(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at 6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3RP, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Equities squeezed higher

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	419	Allied Domecq	459½	+ 1	6.7	13.3
625	477	Bulmer (HP)	535		3.1	17.9
131	67¼	Burn Stewart	68½	- ¼	6.2	72.8
775	615	Glenmorangie A	760		2.0	19.5
486	411	Grand Met	470	- ½	4.1	20.0
493	430	Guinness	440½	- 4	4.3	13.7
378	315	Highland Dist	328	- 1½	3.2	15.8
303	272½	Matthew Clark	273½	- 7	11.0	13.0
141	93	Merrydown W	110½		5.1	10.1
2612¾	1481½	SA Breweries	1528¾	- 12½	2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3750	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3737½	- 3½	3.4	14.0
663	528	Abbey Natl	645	+ 1½	4.5	11.9
400	315	Allied Irish	390	- 2	4.6	11.2
374¾	285	Aus New Z	356	+ ¼	5.2	8.8
5784¾	3843¾	Bank America	5721½	+ 31¼		
316	227½	Bank Scotland	280	- ½	3.3	10.3
1012	683	Barclays	976	+ 10½	3.8	10.7
528½	413	Bk of Ireland	497	- 3	4.2	11.2
482	379	Cater Allen	386½		9.7	11.5
5668¾	4031¼	Citicorp	5652½			
392	307½	Close Bros	324		3.9	13.1
1575	1316¾	Commerzbk	1375	- 3¼	3.5	
1350	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1000	+ 6¼	0.5	
3412½	2768¾	Deutsche Bk	2831½	- 31¼	2.5	
806¼	593¾	Espirito Santo	746½	- 3½	4.4	10.8
1507	1082¼	Fuji Bank Y	1082¾	- 4½	0.4	
472	260	Gerrard Nat	274½		10.5	11.2
267½	196	Hambros	247½		3.8	20.7
1316	931	HSBC	1252	- 13	3.8	11.9
1284½	930	HSBC HK	1219	- 15½	3.9	11.5
477½	395	Irish Perm	477½		3.0	13.1
197	143	King Shaxson	185		6.1	16.1
465	405	Leopold J	465		5.2	18.8
416½	294½	Lloyds TSB	389½	- 1	3.9	16.5
685¼	566	Nat Aust Bk	653	- 2¼	6.2	8.8
726½	605½	Nat West	682	- 1	4.8	9.9
87	49½	Rea Brothers	62½		2.8	24.6
598	464	Royal Bk Scot	497	- ½	4.3	11.0
1465	1185	Schroders	1412½		1.5	16.1
1205	890	Schroders NV	1190		1.8	13.5
135	96½	Singer & Fried	131½	+ 2½	4.0	9.7
729½	547	Stand Chart	656½	- 2	2.3	12.8
115½	85½	Union	98½		3.8	10.6
£174¼	£131¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
352¾	264	Westpac	338½	+ ¼	3.9	11.1
360	268	Woolwich	317½		4.9	15.9

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	38	Abrdn Stk Hld	70			10.5
847	702	Bass	797	+ 7	3.7	17.2
70	40	Brit. for the Bdrt	49	- ½	4.2	15.3
205	161	Burtonwood Brwy	170		4.2	15.3
135½	92	City Centre Rest	132½	- 1	2.1	25.0
671	463	Compass Gp	612½	- 1	1.6	29.2
266	190	Eldridge P 'A'	244½		2.5	22.5
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	452½		2.5	15.5
636	546	Greenalls Grp	591½	- 2½	3.1	16.1
671	567½	Greene King	662	+ 4	2.9	16.6
285	190	Grosvenor Inns	201½	- 1	3.6	21.4
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	245	- 1½	1.4	
357	290	Hardy Hansen	294		4.3	17.0
3475	2700	Holt J	2700		2.6	14.5
72	45	Inn Business	67	- ½	1.0	31.7
355	298	Mansfield	307½	+ 8½	2.6	14.0
353½	275	Merton Thmp	291	- 2	3.1	11.9
673	535	Morland	587½		2.6	17.8
187½	114	My Kinda Town	185	- 1	2.0	16.2
7½	4½	Paramount	6½		4.2	10.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
685	428	Bowthorpe	657½		2.8	18.8
25½	18	Bridgend Gp	20		1.3	
113	78	Brit Fittings	92½		5.1	10.6
290	245	Caliyx	285		5.0	22.6
160	105	Cowie	121½	- 3½	9.5	8.0
107½	76	Charles Sidney	81½		5.8	11.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	62	+ ½	4.2	7.6
175	94½	Dag Motors	96		10.0	8.8
163	125¾	Dewhurst B	141½		2.3	14.2
434	328	Diploma	384	+ 2	4.8	
440	328	Electrocomponents	440	+ 3½	2.0	26.7
214	125½	Eurodis Elec	158½	+ 4	3.8	15.3
134½	65	Eurodollar	119		4.3	17.8
105	76	European Mtr	85		7.6	9.6
375	285	Evans Halshaw	287½		8.7	9.3
67	46	Fife Indmar	49½		8.9	7.4
338	248	Finelist Grp	313½		2.6	18.0
37¾	16½	Gardiner	33		3.3	13.2
81	33½	Glenchewton	69½	- ½	2.1	18.8
97½	70½	Gowrings	81½		4.2	13.9
181	72½	Hamlett	82½	- 1	8.1	7.8
292	216	Harris (Philip)	252½		4.1	19.0
295½	200½	Headlam	280	- ½	2.3	29.2
200	132	Holders Tech	170	- 2½	4.4	16.0
210½	153	ISA Intl	210		1.5	19.1
316	231	Inchcape	265½	- 2	3.9	22.7
78	39	Jacks (Wm)	57½	- 2	4.3	19.8
280	160	Kwik-Fit	226	+ ½	2.9	18.1
390	299	Lex Service	381½		5.3	11.8
155	114	Lookers	114½		8.7	8.7
17	10½	Malaya Grp	11½		7.2	12.4
9½	5	Middlesex	8½		1.5	9.5
47	31	Midshires	44	+ 1½	0.7	
585	440	Norbain	466½		2.6	13.7
349	230	Northamber	317½	- 5	0.9	11.7
162	108	PCT©	125		7.7	11.7
331	201½	Partco	322½	+ 1	2.8	15.4
342½	272	Pendragon	342½		3.4	16.6
211	145	Perry Gp	188½		5.5	9.6
745	602	Premier Farnell	685½		2.0	27.0
180	135	Quicks Group	149½	- 1	5.4	11.2
315	185	REA	282½		1.8	33.9
3	2	Reece	2½			
54	20½	Ronson	21		8.9	7.2
4½	2	Ross Gp	3			
56	46½	SEP Indl	52	+ ½	4.0	11.2
195	68	Saltire	72½		1.7	23.5
417½	245	Time Products	364½	+ 1	3.8	14.7
301½	173	UMECO	280		2.2	20.8
332½	263¾	Vardy (Reg)	289½		2.8	13.6
463	325	WF Electrical	460	+ 5	3.5	19.6
59	25½	Wilshaw	32½	- 2	3.3	9.5
149½	79½	Wyko	128½		2.2	18.2
146	104	Young (H)	133½		3.7	12.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1½	0¾	Anglo Utd	0¾			
388	288	Antofagasta	372½	+ 2½	1.7	14.5
387	363	Assoc Hdgs	371			12.1
1056	785	Broken Hill	834	- 10½	2.8	19.6
340	229	BTR	246	+ 7½	4.9	18.4
586	411	BAT	438	+ 2	7.1	8.5
224	102½	Berisford Intl	117	- 1	3.7	8.5
147½	108	Bibby (J)	138½	- ½	7.0	7.9
65	50¾	Brierley Invt	55	- 1	8.4	9.2
972	756	Charter	759½		4.6	10.8
326	207	Cookson	231	+ 4½	4.5	12.3
222½	141	Cosalt	222½	+ 15	5.7	
283	204	DCC	262½		3.3	10.4
141¾	111	Grampian Hdg	114½	- 3	6.8	11.8
133¾	76¾	Hanson	79		10.0	4.0
172½	118½	Hanson Cvt	119	- 1	9.5	11.7
482	379½	Hatch Whamp	481	+ 14½	1.5	27.9
429	352	Imperial Tobacco	371½	+ 2½	6.7	7.4
563½	344½	Jardine Math	358¾	+ 8½	4.2	
217½	133½	Lonrho	140½	+ 4	4.2	16.8
191	164	McLeod Russel	170½		4.9	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
399	200	Quadramatic	223½		4.9	13.0
18	4	Quadrant Grp	10		3.1	
65	52	Radiant Metal	55			
69	50½	Ransomes	54½		1.1	13.3
83	52½	Renold	56½		8.0	10.8
324	231	Renishaw	260		2.7	12.1
36	8½	Richards Group	8½			
89	71½	Richardson West	84½	+ 2	5.4	9.6
270	187	Rolls-Royce	241	- 4	2.6	23.9
277½	171	Rotork	267½	- ½	2.9	22.2
203	160	Rubicon	201½		3.7	14.9
1584½	1187½	SKF 'B'	1284½	- 6½	3.7	7.9
125	92½	Senior Engg	115		3.8	15.5
348½	156	Solid-Bvo	330½		1.4	27.3
1014½	750	Siebe	862½		1.7	21.9
84	34	Simon Eng	35½		2.3	13.2
301	150	Six Hundred	241½	- 8	2.5	4.7
833½	622	Smiths Indst	768½	- 8	2.6	19.7
786½	569	Spirax-Sarco	730		2.3	20.3
324	267	Stirling Ind	299		3.6	16.0
599½	456	TI	546	- 4½	3.1	19.5
124	92	Tinsley (E)	118½		6.1	13.3
121	72	TransTec	118½		2.4	21.0
212½	140	Triplex Lloyd	210		4.2	11.9
162½	137	Unicorn Intl	156½		4.4	13.9
62½	52	Utd Indst	53½		5.3	6.8
23	10½	Vecson	18	- ¼		
302	241	Vickers	273½	+ 2	3.2	16.9
14	9	Villiers Gp	9½			18.1
770	656	Vinten	701		1.9	13.3
882	750	Vosper Thornyct	876		3.5	14.7
436	302	Wagon Ind	316½		7.8	8.8
273½	212	Weir	227½	- 8	4.2	14.2
275	228	Wellington Hdg	250½		3.9	15.8
59	38	Weltman	39½		7.9	5.2
40½	26	Wescott	38	+ ½	3.3	14.6
540	363	Whatman	539		2.9	22.1
122	47½	Widney	49½	- 15½	8.8	5.8

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
161	109	Adwest	146		6.7	31.1
295	180	Airflow Stream	190	- 4	5.3	8.1
753½	473	Avon Rubber	663	- 1	3.4	16.2
101	67½	BSG	96½	- 1	4.2	15.1
353	257	Bostrom	262½		3.2	10.8
29	15	Boydell	16½		7.6	38.7
307	175	ERF	293		1.9	
642	431	First Tech	641		1.7	21.3
1186	778	GKN	1080	+ 13½	2.9	18.7
3800	2850	General Mtr	3267½		2.9	
689	487	Hartle	567½	- 7½	2.6	14.2
1758¾	1312½	Honda Motor	1569½	+ 29½	0.5	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
238	221	Br Inv	226		3.0	35.1
77¾	67	Brazilian	71¾	- ¼	2.2	
291	259	Brunner	283½	- ½	2.8	
132	113	BZW Conv	124		7.9	14.6
578½	468	Candover	573½		2.9	34.5
68	39	Central Euro Gwth	60		0.9	
224½	177	Contl Assets	218	+ ½	1.7	
75	62	Dartmoor Inv Inc	69½		14.8	7.3
405	325	Derby Cap	395	+ 2½		
160½	136	Derby Inc	180		17.6	8.3
744	654	Drayton Inc G	703½		5.0	24.6
372	314	Dunedin Smlr	339½	+ ½	3.3	43.6
885	789	Dunedin Wrlde	802	+ ½	1.5	70.0
115½	84½	Edin Dragon	86½	+ ½		
30½	24½	Edinburgh Inca	24½			
347½	312½	Edinburgh	338½	+ ½	3.8	29.2
177	127½	EFM Japan	130			
423½	362	Electra Inv	413	- ½	2.3	66.0
263½	222	Electric Gen	251	- ½	1.8	54.2
156	138	English Scot	146½			
419½	332	European Asset	389½		1.5	62.5
100½	88½	Fidelity Asian Val	88½	+ ¼		
232½	193	Fidelity Euro Val	218½		0.2	
85¼	56	Fidelity Jap Val	56½		0.2	
131	102	Fidelity Spec Val	121		0.5	
208	171½	Finsbury 'A'	206		2.4	46.4
200½	171	Five Arr Chile	171	- 1	1.7	52.1
43½	27½	Five Arr Wts	29½			
371½	273	Fleming Amer	367½	+ ½	0.9	
129	99	Fleming Cap	118½			
69½	54	Fleming Chinese	58	+ 1½	1.1	
44	17	Fleming Ch Wts	19	+ ½		
288½	250	Fleming Claver	273	+ 7	3.0	34.6
404	343	Fleming Contl	389		1.3	
160	115¾	Fleming Em Mkts	117½	+ 1	0.3	
273	233½	Fleming Entp	234		2.8	29.6
388	292	Fleming F East	292		0.6	
464	385	Fleming Fledg	425½		0.9	
111½	95	Fleming Hi Inc	108½		5.5	20.6
109½	100½	Fleming Income	108½		10.9	11.5
71½	42½	Fleming Indian	44½			
41	20½	Fleming In Wts	22			
43	36½	Fleming Intl#	37		13.5	9.4
230	213½	Fleming Japan	215½	+ 1½		
345½	288	Fleming Merc	329	+ 1	2.9	35.0
123	95	Fleming Nat Res	106½		0.6	
366	317	Fleming Overs	330	- 1	1.7	67.9
147½	128	Fleming Smllr Cos	139½	- ½	4.1	
50½	29	Fleming Smllr Wt	45½			
171	147	Foreign & Col	152½	- ½	1.8	70.3
113	90	F&C Inc Gwth	91		4.7	26.7
116	88	F&C Emg Mkts	89	+ ¼		
125½	85½	F&C Enterprise	124½		1.2	76.4
305½	257	F&C Eurotst	294½		0.5	
144	125	F&C German	139	+ ½	0.5	
207	171½	F&C Pacific	172½	+ ¼	1.3	60.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
31	9½	Mercury Wld Wts	10	- ¼		
629½	567	Monks Inv Tst	609	+ ½	2.0	46.7
170½	151	Morg Gren Inct	164½		4.9	
70½	52½	Morg Wts	54½			
78½	57½	Morg Latin Amer	70½	- ½	0.5	
32	20	Morg Wts	23½			
131	111	Murray Ent	123½		2.9	
24	16	Murray Ent Wts	19	- ½		
96	71	Murray Emg Eco	71½	+ ½	1.6	64.4
35½	16½	Murray Em Ec Wt	16½	- ½		
68	54	Murray Euro	64		0.7	
382	338	Murray Income	372	+ ½	4.4	27.5
429	377	Murray Intl	411	+ 1	3.8	30.1
195½	180	Murray S/C DP	190½			
174½	136	Murray S/C Cap	165			
73½	66	Murray S/C Inc	68		21.0	5.5
3550	2850	Murray S/C Unit	3300		4.3	
511	434	Murray Small	437	- ½	1.4	64.6
380	355	Murray Vent	363½		5.0	20.3
9	5½	Newmarket	5½			
415	363	O'seas Inv Tst	383	- 2½	1.2	
218	167	O'seas Wts	187	- 1		
147	112	Pacific Assets	116	+ 1½	0.4	
93½	69	Perpetual Jap	69½			
363	287	Perpl Uk Sm Co	327½	- ½	0.9	63.1
£127	£111½	Personal Assets	£126½		2.2	43.6
125	103	Pilot Inv	114½	+ ¼	2.3	46.4
127	108	Prolific Inc	124½	+ ½	4.7	38.6
257½	210	RIT Cap Ptnr	238½		0.9	
500	450	Rolinco	481		2.6	
542	475	Robeco	520		1.3	
120½	89½	Schrd Asia Pac	101½	- ¼		
125	110	Schrod Inc Gwth	118½		4.2	
95	65	Schrod Jap Gwth	65½			
927½	533½	Schrod Korea	537½	- 13½		
23½	18½	Schrod Split Cap	19½			
106½	92	Schrod Split Inc	104		9.8	12.2
145	128½	Schrod Split Zero	141			
136½	117	Schrod Uk Gwth	126	- ½	3.0	24.7
196	181	Schrod Vent Intl	192	+ 2		
284	234	Scot	276½	- ½	2.6	47.9
178½	159	Scot American	171	- ½	3.8	30.3
358	277	Scot Asian	279	- ½		
1065	675	Scot Mtg	710			
106	92½	Scot Eastern	99½	- ½	2.2	51.7
283½	253	Scot Invest	274½		2.2	46.3
97½	88	Scot Natl Tst	97½	- ½	10.7	
122	105½	Scot Value	116½		2.2	
2062½	1823	Second Alliance	2027½	- 2½	3.0	39.9
98½	88	Secs Tst of Scot	94½		4.9	24.9
147	130	Shires Smlr	137½		5.4	21.6
379	345	St Andrew Inv	364		3.1	39.3
388	339½	Temple Bar	367½	+ ½	5.1	22.8
127	90	Thmin Asian E	125			
58	45	Throg Dual Cp	46½			
83½	73	Throgmorton	77½	- ½	3.7	42.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
95	75	City of Lon	85		7.5	13.4
138	90	Cordiant	98½	+ 2		
1731½	1300	Daily Mail	1425		1.6	34.7
1668½	1160½	Daily Mail A	1303½		1.7	31.7
645	480	Dorling Kndt	542½		1.0	24.6
795	530	EMAP	738½	- 10	2.0	24.4
1488	1092	EMI	1294½	+ 23½	2.7	29.3
1091	845½	Elsevier	1001½	- 1½	2.1	29.6
1338	1030	Euromoney Pb	1312½		4.1	25.1
43½	19	Fitch	36½	- ½		10.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172½	98	Johnson Fry	148½		3.4	6.6
395	328	Liberty Intl	397		4.9	21.9
299½	218	Lon Forfaiting	284½	+ 1	4.6	12.4
261	215	London Pacific	218½	- 1½	7.9	10.5
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	86½		3.4	18.2
186	129	Man ED & F	157	+ 1	8.0	7.5
1354	1059	M & G	1072½		4.0	19.9
1167½	841	MAM	1158½	- 6	4.2	19.4
109	90½	Nat Home Loan	102		1.2	4.5
2575	1830	Perpetual	2222½		3.3	16.1
500	395	Provident	466½	+ 3	4.0	17.6
336	310	Rathbone Br	321		4.1	14.3
60½	37½	Rutland Tst	52½	+ ½	5.0	15.7
106	42	SEC Group	100	- 3½	5.3	18.6
457	390	S & U	425	- 1½	4.9	10.7
57	33	Towry Law	47			
8	5	Tuo Hldgs	5½			

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
360	163¾	Brit Biotech	226	+ 6		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	590			
693	441	Celltech	480	+ 2½		
588	234	Chiroscience	348½	- 1½		
447	166	Cortecs	167½	- ½		
1034½	767	Glaxo Well	961	+ 11	3.9	13.7
475	252	ML Laboratories	262½			
286	208	Medeva	249	- 2	2.1	14.1
248	175½	Peptide Thera	206½			
808	524	Scotia	567½			
266	183	Shire Pharms	195	+ 4		29.6
96	69	SkyePharma	83½			
828	628½	SmithKlBchm	758½	+ 5	2.5	27.5
532	445	Therp Anti Inc	460			
653	457½	Vanguard	567½	+ 2½		
1768½	1216	Zeneca	1697½	+ 41½	2.4	37.0

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
155½	127¾	AG Holdings A	144½		5.3	11.7
735	547	API	705		1.8	23.4
140	85½	App Holo	86½	- 1		
212	158	Arjo Wiggins	164		5.7	
295	122½	Aspen Comms	149		5.2	11.7
422½	338	Bemrose	407½		4.5	13.6
212½	138	Blagden	210	- 1	1.4	17.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
522	258	Lloyds Chemist	512	- ½	2.5	19.2
209½	149½	MFI	195½	2½	2.8	23.0
523	416½	Marks Spencer	480		3.0	19.9
635	525	Menzies (John)	568		2.9	19.7
21¼	15½	Mosshead Metal	20½	+ ¼		24.6
1306	615	Moss Bros	1150		2.1	22.4
603½	425	Next	571½	+ 2	2.9	23.4
63	31½	Olma (G)	35½	- ½		
552	400	Orliane Intl	547½		2.7	18.3
85½	66	Partridge Fine	76		4.8	12.8
55	32	QS Hldgs	38½		5.1	
299½	191	Rosebys	280		2.7	21.0
105	85½	Sears	90		5.5	73.3
34	14½	Signet Group	25½			
534	399	Smith WH	428	- 13	4.6	
1080	820	Sotheby's	1055	- 5	1.8	
363	264	Storehouse	255½	- 6½	3.4	15.1
167	90	Stylo	153½		3.8	23.6
221	165½	T & S Stores	175		5.2	11.2
410	301½	Thorn	302	- 17½	5.6	26.6
187½	159	Tie Rack	197		1.9	18.6
4	2½	Upton & South	3½			33.5
604	541½	Vendome	560½	- 4½	2.3	30.3
29½	12	WEW Group	28			
141	66	Wickes	69		5.8	
34	52	Wld of Leather	62½		3.1	
235½	156	Wyevale	235½		2.1	17.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	853	ADT	1160			
353½	314½	AEA Tech	350	+ 1½	2.7	14.1
135	92	Alpha Airports	114½	+ 1	5.5	14.6
39	26	Alphameric	36½	- ½		14.3
349½	215	Amec	342½	- 6	2.1	27.6
190	129	AMB Rest	158½	- 2½	5.4	8.6
400	282	BET	360½		4.0	17.3
203	155	BSM	192½		4.6	12.7
2675	1015	BTG	2522½	+ 35	0.2	
1350	400	Borland	500			
189	125	Brit Data Mgt	173½		3.9	20.9
110½	80	Brooks Service	92	- 2½	3.3	14.7
500	373	Business Post	500		2.3	25.4
857½	329	CMG	856	- 1	0.9	38.5
276½	111½	CPT Gp	276	- ½	1.3	25.1
959½	197	Card Gp	662½		0.0	5.1
447½	285	Capita Group	445	- 6½	1.3	36.8
10½	5½	Charpen	7½	- ½	2.6	12.6
386	309½	Chubb Sec	317½	- 6½	3.3	15.7
195½	92	Corp Services	170		3.3	20.7
59½	46	Coutts Cnsltg	55		4.9	17.7
255½	73	DCS Gp	234½		0.8	29.6

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LEISURE & HOTELS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
85	56	Clubhaus	81½	- 1		
251	160	Eurocamp	191½		7.2	9.2
208	124	Euro Disney	132			
200½	139¾	Euro Leisure	157½			4.1
19	11½	Farringford	11½			
66	49½	First Choice	56		8.6	
400	337½	First Leisure	339		2.9	19.7
190	142	Friendly Hotels	160½	- 1½	4.4	20.5
899	619	Granada	892½	- 2½	1.7	22.6
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	38½			15.4
245½	146	Hornby	244		2.3	
553	423	Hozelock	435	- 1½	2.6	16.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
157	127	H Govett Smlrt	140½		2.2	59.7
110½	86½	HTR Jap Smaller	88	+ ¼		
17	9	I&S Ent	17			
156½	114	I&S UK Smlr	156		2.4	35.2
149	129	Inv Cap	148	- ½	4.6	26.0
157	99½	Intl Biotech	100			
70	21½	Intl Wts	27½			
115	84	Intl G	94	+ 2½		68.7
114	93½	INVESCO Asia	100½		0.7	
65	43	INVESCO Btwr	47		22.5	4.8
181	135	INVESCO Eng Intl	179		0.8	60.2
92	67½	INVESCO Jap Dis	68½			

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
137	87½	INVESCO Korea	88½	+ ½		
63½	47	INVESCO Tokyo	47½			
95½	65	J Fry 2nd Ut	76	+ ½	11.8	8.5
83	66½	J Fry Euro U	77½	+ ½	7.1	12.4
260	187	JF Fledg Jap	188½			
90½	74	Jupiter Ex Inct	84		11.6	
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncWt	4½			
93	70	Jupiter Gen Cap	81½		12.2	10.2
30	24½	Jupiter Grd Ptd	29½			
128	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	120½		3.9	
299½	252	Klnwt Chrt	294		2.3	53.9
130	102½	Klnwt E Mkt	104½	+ ½		
162½	133	Klnwt End	155			

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
193	155	Jarvis Hotels	161	+ 1½		
301½	201	Jurys Hotel	258	+ 2½	3.1	
31½	19	Kunick	19½		4.2	16.4
213	145	Ladbroke	201	½	3.7	26.6
334½	212½	London Clubs	333½		2.9	22.2
595	188	Man Utd	562	+ 13	1.2	26.0
96½	77½	Matchroom Grd	87½	+ ½	3.8	20.4
355½	279	Millennium & Cop	355½	+ 3	0.3	27.2
163½	99	Northern	163		3.3	16.6
146	114	Prova Leisure	125½	- 1	5.7	7.3
39	25	Queensborough	30			
32	11½	Queens Moat	15½			
547	338	Rank Grp	406	- 6½	4.9	13.5

MEDIA

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
318	249	Border TV	303½	- 1½	2.4	20.7
453	356	Bristol	430	- 1½	4.1	22.9
697	376	BSkyB	518½	+ ½	1.3	36.7
182	131	CIA Gp	131	- 1½	2.1	15.2
734	532	Capital Radio	545½	+ 5½	2.9	18.7
534	379½	Carlton Comm	490½	+ 3½	2.6	16.6
556	363	Chrysalis	500		0.7	

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
725	574	ERM	640½		5.4	25.8
118	90½	Exco	99½		16.6	7.5
1280	1075	Henderson Ad	1180			
286	217	Invesco	278			
97½	79½	Investment Co	84½			
288	228	Ivory Sime	280			
230½	183½	Jardine Strat	133½			

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
112	89	M Curie Japan	90½			
167	143	M Curie Pac	148½		0.3	
244	222	Majedie	241		3.5	
290	235	Merchants	267½	- ½	6.1	22.1
107½	91	Mercury Euro Pv	106		2.3	40.5
33	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	30			
110	88½	Mercury World	89½	- ½	1.4	67.6

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BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	100		6.99	6.48
107	100	Treas 13¼% 1997	101		13.09	6.08
107	100	Exch 10½% 1997	101		10.40	6.18
107	101	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.63	6.52
114	102	Exch 15% 1997	107		13.96	6.59
106	100	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+	9.43	6.66
109	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.21	6.75
118	109	Treas 14% 1998-01	110	+	12.77	6.93
122	114	Treas 15½% 1998	114		13.51	6.90
114	109	Exch 12% 1998	109		10.93	6.96
108	104	Treas 9½% 1999	104		9.05	7.01
116	110	Exch 12¼% 1999	111	-	11.02	6.94
112	107	Treas 10½% 1999	107	-	9.74	7.03
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	97	+	6.14	6.93
112	107	Conv 10¼% 1999	108	-	9.44	7.06
106	103	Conv 9% 2000	105	-	8.52	7.04
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	+	7.76	7.11
124	117	Treas 13% 2000	118	-	10.98	7.15
114	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.08	7.19
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	96	Treas 7% 2001	99	-	7.08	7.19

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	-	7.64	7.59
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	106	+	7.95	7.54
112	103	Treas 9% 2008	111	+	8.11	7.58
104	96	Treas 8% 2009	103	-	7.76	7.63
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	87	+	7.12	7.70
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	111	+	8.08	7.62
112	104	Treas 9% 2012	111	-	8.06	7.71
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82	-	6.70	7.46
103	96	Treas 8% 2013	102	-	7.83	7.72
101	95	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	100	-	7.72	7.77
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	102	+	7.78	7.70
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	110	+	7.94	7.76
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	140	-	8.54	7.59
103	95	Tr 8% 2021	103	+	7.75	7.73
UNDATED						
45	41	War Ln 3½%	45	-	7.78	
31	29	Treas 2½%	31	-	7.92	
50	46	Consols 4%	50	-	7.93	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grolund Amer	227.00	240.20†	- 1.80	0.14
Grolund Equity	282.40	300.30	- 0.60	1.82
Grolund Euro	265.80	281.30	- 1.70	0.57
Grolund Eqpt Bal	131.50	138.30		2.58
Grolund Gilt	76.23	78.75	+ 0.10	6.18
Grolund Japan	152.70	161.10†	- 0.90	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	673.40	716.40	- 0.40	2.48
General Inc	562.10	598.00	- 0.30	2.46
UK Growth Acc	462.90	492.50†	- 0.40	2.63
UK Growth Inc	299.50	318.70†	- 0.30	2.63
Higher Inc Acc	815.50	867.60†	- 0.80	4.07
Higher Inc Inc	434.40	462.20†	- 0.40	4.07
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	213.90	225.90	+ 0.50	5.38
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	93.66	93.92	+ 0.21	5.38
Nth America	360.90	384.00†	- 3.20	
Europe	358.40	381.30	- 1.30	0.43
Brit Locall	91.39	97.23†	- 0.04	2.76
Brit Fndmtls Acc	117.10	124.60		4.54
Brit Fndmtls Inc	78.30	83.30	- 0.03	4.54
Global Opps	99.92	106.30†	- 0.20	
Balanced Acc	63.32	67.37†	- 0.05	2.54
Balanced Inc	59.06	62.84†	- 0.08	2.54
Japan Acc	41.38	44.04†	- 0.01	
Pac Basin Acc	389.40	414.30†	- 1.90	0.85
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	133.30	141.40	+ 0.60	6.90
High Inc Equity	183.30	196.00†	- 0.80	4.40
Worldwide Bond	272.80	289.20†	- 1.60	5.09
American Growth	381.70	408.10	- 3.70	0.31
Asian Pacific	318.00	340.10	- 1.40	0.08
Assets & Earnings	302.00	324.10†	- 0.70	2.85
Euro Capital Acc	186.40	199.40	- 1.00	0.79
Extra Inc	42.93	45.67†	- 0.01	7.85
General	280.80	298.70	- 0.60	2.94
Global Opps	68.21	72.56	0.48	0.56
Japan	105.10	112.40	- 0.90	
Managed Inc	47.90	50.96†	- 0.11	4.71
Mastertrust	166.50	178.10	- 0.50	1.03
US Emerging Cos	200.70	213.50	- 3.70	
Ethical	81.72	86.94	- 0.34	2.50
International	134.00	142.50	- 0.90	0.39
Dividend & Growth	68.62	73.09	- 0.32	4.21
Global Gwth & Sec	73.77	78.83	+ 0.04	2.36
Latin America	62.96	66.98	- 0.49	
Capital Reserve	145.20	145.20	+ 0.10	4.79
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2364.00	2455.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	60.90	63.19†	- 0.36	0.15
Emerging Mkts	68.92	71.78	- 0.49	0.05
European	149.60	155.60	- 0.70	
Exempt	1086.00	1144.00†	+ 1.00	1.63
Extra Income #	46.73	49.18	- 0.04	6.61
Far East Emg Ecn	125.20	131.30	- 0.30	0.48
Fixed Interest #	25.31	26.33†		9.02
Fxd Int Tst	153.00	160.50†	- 0.20	9.57
Japan	162.00	169.40		
Latin American	56.81	59.11	- 0.36	0.92
Pacific	81.34	85.39	- 0.22	0.31
Property Share	73.30	76.98	+ 0.05	2.28
UK Emerging Cos	69.77	75.41	- 0.01	1.29
UK Growth	54.46	56.71†	+ 0.01	2.07
Aber World Port #	82.14	83.60	- 0.13	3.45
Ethical	77.23	80.32	- 0.10	2.20
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.76	50.82	+ 0.04	7.29
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Pensn Property #	99.28	106.80		5.31
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	91.80	97.40	- 0.07	2.28
Income Builder Inc	82.53	87.80	- 0.16	4.17
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	288.20	308.00†	+ 0.50	3.02
Capital	506.20	541.10†	+ 1.00	1.16
Balanced	841.50	899.50	+ 1.30	2.31
Accumulator	1615.00	1726.00†	+ 3.00	1.81
Income Trusts				
American Income	61.90	65.960	- 0.12	2.42
High Income	462.40	494.30	+ 1.30	4.32
Equity Income	262.50	280.60	+ 0.60	3.96
High Yield	280.80	300.10†	+ 0.60	4.00
Govt Securities	34.60	36.530†	+ 0.08	5.98
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	216.20	230.60	- 0.20	0.06
European Growth	52.92	56.350	- 0.07	0.07
International	184.30	196.80	+ 0.60	0.11
Japan	181.40	193.90	+ 0.60	
Pacific	398.00	425.40	- 0.20	
Secs of America	591.50	629.70†	- 0.50	0.13
Worldw Asset Val	55.20	59.000	+ 0.14	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	648.00	690.50	+ 0.30	1.98
Conv & Gilt	51.28	54.810	+ 0.08	3.87
Smaller Cos	203.40	217.40	- 1.40	1.05
2nd Smaller Cos	192.80	206.10	- 1.30	0.98
Recovery	170.50	182.20†		1.55
Met Min & Cdty	163.20	174.20†	- 0.80	0.18
Oseas Earnings	426.30	455.60	+ 0.70	1.06
Technology	217.10	232.00†	- 1.70	
UK Special Sits	587.40	627.90	+ 0.80	1.00
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	118.40	123.00		3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	70.29	73.02		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	86.36	91.87	+ 0.21	1.16
International	68.50	72.87		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	343.20	365.20	- 3.20	
Bond	119.40	125.50†	+ 0.40	6.65
Brit Smlr Cos	119.30	126.90		1.74
Conv & Gen #	69.98	74.46†	- 0.18	5.25
Europe	278.10	294.80†	- 0.40	0.60
Euro Smlr Cos	121.20	128.60†	- 0.60	0.60
Income Gwth	364.60	387.90	- 0.10	4.90
Japan	286.50	304.50†	- 2.50	
Latin American	81.76	86.98	- 0.52	0.79
Pacific	111.50	118.60	- 0.30	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	58.34	62.06	- 0.29	1.29
Japan Fd	590.20	607.40	- 5.90	
Mangd Fd	202.70	215.10†	- 0.10	2.78
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	370.50	391.90		0.90
Capital Gwth	129.00	136.40		3.15
Wwide Opps	219.70	232.40		0.94
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	431.20	461.00†	- 0.30	2.43
European Bd Inc	98.54	102.00	+ 0.10	6.42
Exempt	84.04	89.53†	- 0.02	2.82
500	507.90	553.70	- 0.60	2.35
General	328.90	351.90		2.53
Property	248.40	256.60		5.10
Trustee	228.80	244.70	- 0.20	2.30
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.50†		5.2[illegible]
Distribution - Eq	113.40	114.00	+ 0.10	6.03
Extra Income #	137.10	146.70†	- 0.10	4.80
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.54	60.59†	+ 0.20	7.87
Income #	590.90	635.30	+ 0.20	4.58
Income Builder #	69.27	74.00	- 0.02	5.33
Inc Equity	71.12	75.66	- 0.27	2.41
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	144.10	154.10	- 0.10	1.35
FTSE 100	100.70	107.20†	- 0.10	2.63
Leisure	125.10	133.70	+ 0.70	0.75
Recovery	485.90	520.20	+ 0.20	2.68
Smlr Cos Inc	58.72	63.03	- 0.12	2.34
Special Sits	402.20	430.60		1.46
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	174.30	185.60†	- 1.40	0.37
F East Gwth Acc	290.90	311.09	- 1.30	1.32
Far East Gwth	173.96	185.90	- 0.80	1.38
Euro Gwth Inc	191.00	202.60	- 1.10	0.38
-do- Accum	207.80	220.30	- 1.20	0.38
Japan	134.90	142.30	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	136.56	145.50	- 0.90	
Japan Spec Sits	67.09	67.24	- 0.57	
Worldwide	195.50	207.60	- 1.10	0.32
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	134.00	142.70	- 1.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	149.80	159.50	- 3.10	
Convertibles	50.47	54.20	- 0.08	4.60
Eastern	297.70	316.70	- 0.30	0.30
Equity Income #	98.57	105.62†		4.20
European Growth	240.00	293.30	0.50	0.09
Europe	356.20	379.70	- 1.90	0.40
German Growth	85.75	90.40	- 0.44	0.50
Global Bond	71.71	75.41	0.06	6.20
Global Growth	142.00	150.80†	- 0.60	0.40
Japan Growth	120.40	127.70		
Japan Income	147.00	156.00	- 0.20	
Korea Trust	53.62	57.75	- 0.75	
Portfolio	143.90	153.60	- 0.10	2.00
-do- Accum	272.50	291.10	- 0.30	2.00
UK Growth	106.90	114.40	+ 0.20	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	95.32	100.80†		1.90
Select Managers	89.12	94.54	- 0.19	1.09
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	87.75	93.36	- 0.26	
Special Opps Inc	58.92	62.68	- 0.06	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6000				
Balanced Growth	142.54	150.64†	- 0.27	1.47
-do- Accum	145.93	175.59	- 0.32	1.47
Smaller Cos	151.43	160.20†	+ 0.17	0.46
Higher Yield #	57.09	60.41†	- 0.31	4.12
American Gth Inc	100.68	106.54	- 0.96	
European Growth	164.25	172.81	- 0.64	0.13
-do- Accum	167.56	177.31	- 0.65	0.13
Mngd Portfo Inc	53.30	56.77	0.17	1.45
-do- Accum	55.21	58.39	0.18	1.45
Intl Spec Opps	165.55	175.18	- 1.12	
Pacific Gwth	144.95	152.43	- 0.50	0.04
UK Special #	97.56	103.23	+ 0.09	2.85
-do- Accum #	104.38	110.45	+ 0.08	2.77
Japan	52.09	55.12	- 0.47	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.66	104.31†	+ 0.35	6.49
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 446 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.56	67.41	+ 0.10	6.45
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Ethical	189.60	199.10	- 0.70	1.84
UK Growth	212.50	223.30	- 0.40	2.16
UK Income	148.90	156.30†	+ 0.10	4.44
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 652 700				
Can Gen Dist	235.00	249.00	- 0.10	1.51
-do- Income Dist	126.20	134.50†		1.72
-do- Accum	415.27	440.70	+ 0.40	1.72
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.34	43.65	+ 0.12	6.26
Growth Units	256.70	273.50	- 0.10	1.96
Bond	177.98	187.30	+ 0.50	7.00
UK Growth	241.50	256.70	- 0.70	0.15
North American	259.20	275.40	- 1.90	0.03
Far East	301.80	322.80	- 0.40	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	222.80	238.20	- 3.30	1.02
European	96.56	102.30	- 0.30	0.53
Japanese Growth	47.66	48.25	+ 0.05	
High Income	222.10	237.40	+ 0.21	4.13
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0151 631 7453 Enq 0161 801 7433 Dlg 0161 201 7455				
American & Gen	217.50	230.90	- 0.90	
European Inc	93.25	98.99	- 0.66	0.42
Smaller Cos (4-1)	107.50	114.42	- 2.65	1.49
Growth	545.90	580.60	- 0.50	2.02
Income & Growth #	460.90	490.40	- 0.70	3.83
-do- Accum #	696.70	741.30	- 1.20	3.83
Japan & Gen	60.16	63.84	- 0.19	
Mngd Portfolio	£119.90	£124.90†	- 26.00	1.81
-do- Accum	£148.27	£154.41	- 32.00	1.81
Special Sec	126.70	134.90	- 0.10	2.00
High Yield	£14.77	£15.23†	- 1.00	4.34
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	102.22	108.95	+ 0.01	1.85
American Portfolio	123.87	131.52	- 0.31	1.02
European Portfolio	135.60	144.10†	- 0.68	0.83
High Income	52.25	52.38†	+ 0.17	7.49
Japanese Portfolio	62.21	65.92	- 0.33	
Pacific Portfolio	154.87	166.53	- 0.30	1.08
UK Equity	97.23	103.87†	- 0.09	3.45
UK Equity & Bd	57.86	61.30	+ 0.05	6.23
UK Smlr Cos	51.64	55.23	- 0.02	1.25
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	775.31	787.03	+ 6.14	4.24
Fxd In Sec	158.59	159.23	+ 1.32	8.98
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	760.53	772.03	+ 0.90	4.38
Investment Acc	£35.06	£35.59	+ 4.19	
Fixed Int Inc	126.85	127.35	- 0.03	9.11
Fixed Int Acc	231.04	231.96	- 0.05	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.00	94.86†		3.96
Beck Bio-Tech	41.38	45.01		
Acorn Ethical Tst	187.49	196.88		0.45
City Fin Assets	79.09	83.05†		2.32
City Fin Ino	88.83	93.28†		0.46
Ftsrs Hse Cap	310.51	330.33		2.56
Berkley Wdd Gwth	135.80	143.95		
J Sd Inc/Gth Inc	56.67	59.51		3.22
Store Utilities	58.62	60.03†	+ 0.18	6.06
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.72	55.94	- 0.20	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	79.33	84.39	- 0.69	
Dragon Growth	71.38	76.34	- 0.06	0.36
Equity High Inc	89.94	96.44		4.23
-do- Accum	130.18	139.58		4.23
Extra Income Inc	26.71	28.14	+ 0.07	7.42
Extra Income Acc	29.39	30.96	+ 0.07	7.42
European Gwth	63.13	66.98	- 0.25	0.83
Evergreen	31.15	33.31	- 0.23	0.03
General Equity	105.15	111.57	- 0.04	2.89
Japan Growth	43.99	46.80	- 0.03	
Pedigree Gwth	64.34	68.90	- 0.21	2.38
Ped Sm Cos Inc	37.88	40.52†	- 0.04	1.41
-do- Accum	40.17	43.19	- 0.05	1.41
Retirement Inc #	27.40	29.64		6.04
Special Sits	46.23	49.71	- 0.15	2.41
UK & Overseas	59.84	63.49	- 0.14	0.55
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	70.32	73.25	+ 0.07	4.12
Capital	63.73	67.21	- 0.10	2.63
High Income	52.08	54.24†	+ 0.18	6.69
Top 50	56.66	59.02	+ 0.08	2.59
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 886 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	195.13	203.26†	+ 0.08	4.52
Long Gilt	44.15	45.98†	+ 0.22	6.02
Monthly Inc Plus	50.52	52.62	+ 0.18	8.51
Preference Share	47.61	49.59†	+ 0.15	7.86
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.20	148.27†	- 0.06	5.76
Managed Fund	76.27	80.18†	+ 0.67	2.71
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.60	55.83	- 0.22	1.70
-do- Accum	82.36	86.00	- 0.25	1.70
UK & General	98.06	102.15†	+ 0.05	2.90
-do- Accum	129.02	134.40†	+ 0.05	2.90
UK Growth	199.08	207.37	+ 0.09	1.35
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	209.12	217.83	- 0.86	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	131.11	136.57	- 0.28	0.02
Global Bond	77.05	80.26†	- 0.07	6.18
Japan Growth	102.91	107.20	+ 0.26	
North Amer Gth	237.95	247.86	- 1.48	
Oriental Growth	82.77	86.22	- 0.28	0.27
Worldwide Growth	71.47	74.45	- 0.20	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.95	91.95†	+ 0.01	5.23
Homemaker Fund	90.28	96.04	+ 0.01	1.57
Quilter Fund	155.13	165.03	- 0.38	1.93
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.76	38.27		4.34
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	178.50	189.90†	- 1.00	2.93
Income	73.38	78.06	+ 0.02	4.95
European	74.52	79.60	- 0.42	0.90
Recovery	197.10	199.00	- 0.10	2.67
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	981.90	996.80†		3.41
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.50	119.60		1.15
Income #	285.70	303.90†	- 0.40	4.61
-do- Accum #	762.80	811.40	- 1.10	4.61
Smaller Cos	236.60	251.70	- 0.30	0.85
-do- Accum	293.80	312.50	- 0.40	0.85
Gilt Portfolio	101.90	108.40	- 0.40	1.31
High Inc Port #	93.51	98.83	- 0.08	4.28
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1836.00	1676.60		
Japan Small Cos	1086.38	1104.90		0.01
UK Small Cos	2207.50	2299.50		2.88
US Small Cos	2070.30	2149.10†		0.87
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	230.60	242.70†		3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	173.60	184.60	+ 1.10	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	178.60	190.00	+ 1.20	3.75
-do- Accum	244.80	260.40	+ 1.60	3.75
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.38	64.07	+ 0.03	5.77
Environmtl Opps	99.46	105.80	+ 0.40	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	70.02	74.48	+ 0.05	0.80
Extra Income Inc	50.04	53.23	+ 0.08	7.50
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	175.30	186.00	- 0.80	0.43
Convertibles #	22.97	24.41	- 0.05	5.74
Equity Income #	142.70	151.60	- 0.20	3.35
EuroFund	63.29	66.95	- 0.31	0.60
Financial	56.34	59.86	- 0.09	1.50
Growth & Inc #	288.90	307.00	- 0.80	2.85
High Dist #	177.20	188.30†	- 0.60	4.51
International	428.20	456.00	- 7.20	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	102.20	109.10†	- 0.10	2.47
Latin American	30.58	32.49	- 0.17	
Pacific	81.11	86.18†	- 0.10	
Pref High Inc	22.51	23.92†	+ 0.07	7.53
Tokyo	204.70	216.70	- 0.10	
UK Smaller Cos	257.20	273.40	- 1.60	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	331.10	349.70	- 0.50	1.03
Jap Smlr Co	385.10	403.68	- 1.80	
Nth Amer	430.30	430.30	- 0.10	0.64
UK Inc & Grth	251.30	263.60†	- 0.30	2.76
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dtp	115.64	123.62	+ 0.03	1.13
Growth Acc	256.93	273.05	+ 4.19	1.12
Income	605.21	643.46	+ 4.85	6.17
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	224.30	229.60†		1.19
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	50.90	55.68		1.38
Ethical Tst	47.22	49.70		0.85
Far Eastern	294.15	309.63		1.61
High Income	138.67	145.92†		5.05
UK Index Trckg	51.36	54.06		3.31
Intl Growth	137.96	145.22		0.51
North American	147.56	155.33		1.60
Pelican	141.82	149.28†		3.21
Smaller Cos	72.90	76.63		2.88
Special Sits	90.95	95.74		2.28
Tst of Inv Tsts	216.30	227.68		1.25
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5068				
Smaller Cos Inc	232.15	246.91†	0.64	2.40
Smaller Cos Acc	419.23	446.04†	- 1.17	2.40
Recovery	57.71	61.22†	- 0.07	2.26
Recovery Acc	60.70	64.04†	- 0.08	2.26
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	92.56	99.25†	+ 0.02	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.12	55.59	- 0.06	0.62
High Income #	39.15	41.96†	- 0.03	10.96
Warrant	45.16	48.09	- 0.12	
Zero Preference	44.67	47.23	+ 0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Accel Tst	94.70	100.10†	- 0.20	2.66
Umbrl Charities	315.10	335.20†		2.20
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.73	29.76†	- 0.04	5.41
Strategic Inc	27.09	28.51†	+ 0.06	5.73
Income Funds				
High Income	26.84	29.17†	+ 0.06	5.47
Income Plus	132.50	141.40	+ 0.10	3.88
European Income	49.94	53.09	- 0.10	2.56
UK Div Gth	31.82	33.84		2.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.01	64.02	- 0.10	
American	319.50	338.10†	- 0.80	
Amer Spec Sits	181.00	193.00	- 1.50	
Japan Smaller Cos	30.21	32.16	- 0.12	
European	229.00	243.50	- 1.10	0.56
European Opps	30.04	35.09	- 0.29	0.02
Global Prw	30.29	32.17	+ 0.09	0.35
UK Growth	124.50	132.40	- 0.10	1.47
Growth & Inc	180.00	191.40	+ 0.10	2.42
Intl PEP	48.17	51.22	- 0.07	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	80.84	85.87	+ 0.03	
Japan	162.80	172.60	- 0.30	
Managed Intl	349.70	370.90	- 1.30	0.50
Moneybuilder	66.20	70.39	- 0.07	
Recovery	63.43	67.51	- 0.06	1.60
South E Asia	186.40	198.09	+ 0.20	0.97
Special Sits	721.60	767.30	- 4.60	0.58
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.64	116.64	+ 0.02	5.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	147.90	150.40		1.59
Fenbury Prt Inc #	96.23	97.48†	- 0.04	6.06
Cap Prtflo	162.60	164.80		0.87
General Opps	141.20	143.20†		4.22
Growth Inc	37.28	37.66†	- 0.03	1.40
Private Portfolio	480.80	491.90		1.22
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 388 Admin/Vcl 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	149.90	159.60	- 0.20	0.25
Emrg Asian	130.50	141.40†	+ 0.80	
High Income	21.75	22.59†	+ 0.01	9.56
Uk Income #	111.80	119.30†	- 0.20	4.14
US Smaller Cos	407.70	436.50†	- 1.20	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6609 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	79.77	84.89	- 0.62	
-do- Accum	79.77	84.89	- 0.62	
Amer Smlr Cos	644.40	689.20	- 8.10	
-do- Accum	658.30	704.10	- 8.30	
Capital Tst	403.00	428.70	- 0.10	1.50
-do- Accum	592.10	629.90	- 0.10	1.50
Contl Smlr Cos	59.99	63.87	+ 0.31	1.09
-do- Accum	63.82	67.94	+ 0.31	1.09
Convertible	144.60	154.00		5.10
-do- Accum	313.40	333.40		5.10
Emerging Markets	62.43	66.70	- 0.27	0.30
-do- Accum	62.64	66.92	- 0.29	0.30
European	149.90	158.90	- 0.70	0.50
-do- Accum	158.90	168.40	- 0.70	0.50
Extra Income	396.60	421.80	- 0.60	4.45
-do- Accum	631.50	671.80	- 1.00	4.45
Financial	176.30	187.50†	- 0.30	0.46
-do- Accum	187.20	199.20†	- 0.40	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.54	65.52†	+ 0.07	6.79
-do- Accum	98.82	101.90†	+ 0.10	6.79
Health Fund Inc	235.70	251.80†	- 3.50	
-do- Accum	235.70	251.80†	- 3.50	
Income & Growth	228.90	243.50†	- 0.10	3.61
-do- Accum	369.80	393.40†	- 0.10	3.61
Intl Growth	423.50	450.80†	- 2.20	
-do- Accum	470.20	500.60†	- 2.40	
Japan & Gen	154.90	164.60	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	156.40	166.30	+ 0.30	
Monthly Inc #	201.00	213.80†	- 0.10	4.38
-do- Accum #	201.60	214.50†	- 0.10	4.38
Managed Port Inc	121.10	127.50	- 0.20	1.40
-do- Accum	131.70	138.60	- 0.20	1.40
Quarterly Income #	57.10	61.27†	- 0.16	5.28
-do- Accum #	66.18	71.02†	- 0.18	5.28
Recovery	335.80	359.10	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	396.50	424.10	- 1.70	
UK Growth	67.98	72.32	+ 0.11	2.76
-do- Accum	73.71	78.41	+ 0.11	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	61.49	65.55†	- 0.54	0.07
FP Am Smlr Cos	199.40	212.60†	- 1.20	
FP Asian Growth	275.00	293.30	- 0.40	
FP Australian	407.00	434.10	- 5.10	
FP Equity Dist	457.10	487.50†	- 0.50	2.48
-do- Accum	£10.20	£10.88	- 1.00	2.48
FP Euro Gth	288.30	307.50	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	315.40	336.40	- 0.40	
FP Intl Bond	57.80	61.16	- 0.24	4.08
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.43	39.92†	- 0.20	0.08
-do- Accum	54.98	58.64	- 0.29	0.08
FP Pac Basin Acc	210.90	224.90†	- 1.20	
FP Income #	58.99	62.92	- 0.24	4.96
-do- Accum #	206.10	219.80	- 0.80	4.96
FP Jap Smlr Cos	268.90	286.80	- 2.30	
FP Monthly Dist #	75.63	80.67†	- 0.06	4.86
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		5.30
FP Tokyo	74.60	79.57	- 0.52	
FP UK Focus	42.39	45.21†	+ 0.02	2.09
FP UK Growth	200.40	213.70		2.23
-do- Accum	403.90	430.80	+ 0.10	2.23
Stewardship Dist	432.00	460.80†	- 0.20	1.37
-do- Accum	546.00	582.30	- 0.20	1.37
Stwdship Inc Dist #	79.16	84.43†	- 0.10	4.80
-do- Accum #	109.80	117.10	- 0.20	4.80
N Am Stshp Dist	123.00	131.10	- 2.10	0.30
-do- Accum	132.00	140.80	- 2.30	0.30
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical Inc #	101.10	101.60	+ 0.10	3.50
Inst Ethical Ac #	101.10	101.60	+ 0.10	3.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	126.90	135.00†	+ 0.30	1.60
Open Cap Gth Acc	129.70	137.30†	- 0.20	0.19
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.10	125.60	+ 0.30	3.33
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.20	133.10	+ 0.30	3.33
Ops Cp Gth Ic Ic #	121.10	128.80	+ 0.10	3.95
Ops Cp Gth Ic Ac #	129.30	137.50		3.95
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	292.00	309.80†	- 0.10	1.93
Cash	49.35	50.09†	+ 0.01	4.83
Growth Portfolio	87.13	92.69	- 0.50	0.55
Income Portfolio	70.18	74.44†	- 0.27	3.39
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	219.90	235.20	- 1.40	0.32
Dividend	98.55	105.40	- 0.30	4.59
Int Gilt & Inc	248.80	266.10	- 2.50	2.61
UK & Gen	50.33	53.83	+ 0.16	1.54
Fund of Funds	74.13	79.28	+ 0.14	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	232.80	249.00	- 0.80	0.13
European Gth	728.30	774.90	- 2.60	0.62
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.94	57.16	- 0.02	5.28
-do- Accum	61.24	64.89	- 0.02	5.28
Far East & Gen	264.10	282.50	- 0.70	
German Growth	143.10	152.00	- 0.50	
High Yield #	49.93	52.82	+ 0.14	7.93
-do- Accum #	55.92	59.15	+ 0.15	7.93
Income Inc	197.70	211.50	- 0.40	4.07
-do- Accum	226.00	241.80	- 0.40	4.07
Intl Growth	379.20	404.00	- 2.00	0.31
Intl Income	94.86	100.60	- 0.30	2.95
Japan Growth	419.70	445.30	- 2.10	
Korean Securities	43.39	46.41	- 0.74	
Orient Acc	194.50	207.90	- 0.20	0.14
UK General Inc	198.70	212.60	- 0.20	1.55
UK General Acc	355.00	379.70	- 0.80	1.55
UK Sm Cos Dvr Acc	59.84	64.00	- 1.05	1.82
UK Spec Sits	103.70	110.90†	- 1.70	1.48
US Growth	186.60	199.20	- 0.48	
Wwide Spec Sits	163.60	173.40	+ 0.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	60.60	64.78	- 0.21	1.78
Cash Trust	147.09	147.09†	+ 0.02	5.20
Practical Inv Inc #	122.66	131.19	- 0.37	3.67
-do- Accum #	296.80	317.43	- 0.91	3.67
UK Index	180.13	181.04	- 0.09	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	208.34	222.82†	- 0.05	0.12
Income Funds				
Euro Yield	24.81	25.71†	+ 0.09	7.35
High Income	34.45	36.76†	- 0.01	4.92
UK Equity Income	159.63	171.00	- 0.21	3.20
Global Bond	28.62	29.67	- 0.04	4.95
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.98	48.11	- 0.15	
Global Managed	147.61	156.83†	- 0.33	1.29
Gold & Intl Res	105.03	112.33	+ 0.27	
Global Utilities	144.46	154.02	- 0.14	1.38
Overseas Funds				
American	199.86	212.27	- 1.14	0.71
European	136.05	144.16	- 0.68	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	206.81	219.28	- 0.56	
Amer Emerging	172.20	184.40	- 2.11	
Hong Kong	173.12	184.96	- 0.14	1.41
Japan	216.03	229.29	+ 0.26	
Pacific Growth	220.44	236.62	- 0.88	
Gartmore Pension: Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	260.79	260.79†	- 0.35	1.92
Long Term Bal	278.96	278.96†	- 0.44	2.86
Med Term Bal	230.45	230.45†	- 0.11	2.93
UK Equity	309.77	309.77†	- 0.51	2.39
UK Emerging Cos	180.35	180.35	- 0.49	1.96
American	331.40	331.40	- 1.09	0.73
Japan	120.56	120.56	+ 0.19	
European	352.23	352.23	- 1.37	0.80
Index Linked Gilt	189.87	189.87	+ 0.59	2.64
Fixed Interest	179.21	179.21†	+ 0.50	6.09
Amer Emerging	381.15	381.15	- 4.36	
Pacific	229.84	229.84	- 0.56	0.82
Emerging Mkts	116.49	116.49†	- 0.45	0.46
Index Strat Japan	134.09	134.09	+ 0.38	0.19
-do- Pacific Rim	205.79	205.79	- 0.06	1.13
-do- Cont Europe	187.78	187.78	- 0.61	1.76
Index Strat USA	191.88	191.88	- 0.74	1.58
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	123.01	130.86	- 0.16	
Med Term Bal	108.94	115.95	- 0.06	
Long Term Bal	125.61	133.62	- 0.21	
UK Equity	143.88	153.05	- 0.26	
UK Emerging Cos	84.76	90.17	- 0.24	
American	153.58	163.38	- 0.54	
Japan	57.63	61.31	+ 0.10	
European	146.37	155.71	- 0.61	
Fixed Interest	92.26	98.15	+ 0.28	
Index Linked Gilt	84.55	89.95	+ 0.28	
Deposit	88.18	93.80	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	157.32	165.60	+ 0.01	0.51
Brclf Gilt Port Inc	73.46	77.53	+ 1.23	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	63.58	67.10†	+ 0.11	3.50
-do- Wwde Port	59.71	63.02	- 0.11	0.19
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	625.09	664.99	+ 4.47	0.71
-do- Accum	705.91	750.97	+ 5.04	0.71
European Inc	180.20	191.50	- 0.44	1.15
Amalgam Inc	156.67	166.11	+ 0.78	
N America Inc	415.66	442.19	- 0.21	
Far East Inc	353.44	376.00	- 0.74	
-do- Accum	366.31	383.69	- 0.76	
UK Dvrld Inc	210.13	223.54	+ 0.48	1.82
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	100.99	108.00†		4.09
UK Small Cos	67.68	72.38†	- 0.01	0.62
Dutch Growth	69.05	73.84	+ 0.03	2.56
American Gwth	262.73	280.98	- 6.63	
Japan Gwth	57.60	61.59	- 0.25	
Greater China	200.19	214.10	- 0.66	
Pacific Strategy	156.33	167.19	+ 0.89	
European Gwth	117.91	126.10†	- 0.46	
Intl Growth	163.75	175.13	- 0.54	
US Index (£)	18.1202	19.0925	- 0.0733	3.75
FTSE 250 Ind	90.56	96.84	- 0.91	2.12
Monthly Income	40.54	43.30†	+ 0.04	8.65
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 071 865 0823				
Grd UK Index (£)	15.2189	16.0667	- 0.0637	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	115.62	123.00		1.52
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	579.50	619.10	- 2.30	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	131.80	139.80	+ 0.60	5.61
Growth Equity	432.70	462.20†	- 1.40	1.30
Income Trust	153.10	163.50	- 0.50	4.19
International	205.80	219.80	- 1.10	0.04
Japan Trust	109.80	117.30	- 0.80	
Nth American	359.30	383.90†	- 3.10	
Pacific	576.50	615.90†	- 2.20	0.09
Guardbuilt	842.60	886.50	- 1.00	1.33
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	106.21	110.23	+ 0.04	5.56
Global High Inc	98.50	102.22†	- 0.11	6.56
Corporate Bond	105.94	109.96	+ 0.29	6.75
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.24	117.21†	+ 0.17	5.25
European Growth	128.58	136.77	- 0.78	
Intl PEP Trust	70.06	74.49	- 0.44	
Equity Inc	135.15	143.70†	- 0.06	4.12
-do- Accum	200.52	213.21	- 0.08	4.12
Recovery	408.00	433.70†	- 3.20	1.78
-do- Accum	487.20	518.00	- 3.70	1.78
GI Wwc High Inc	125.75	128.65	+ 0.06	7.59
UK Emerg Cos	287.20	305.30†	- 0.10	3.04
UK Smlr Cos	401.80	408.56	- 0.58	2.97
Glob Prw Tst	115.73	123.05†	- 0.36	1.52
-do- Accum	120.28	127.80	- 0.38	1.52
Inc Share Fd	90.99	96.74	- 0.08	9.30
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	56.76	60.19	- 0.03	3.54
Balanced Acc	60.38	64.02	- 0.03	3.54
Growth	33.84	35.88	- 0.06	1.92
Growth Acc	35.00	37.11	- 0.06	1.92
Income	32.23	34.17†	- 0.08	4.38
Income Acc	34.43	36.51	- 0.06	4.36
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	26.25	28.55	- 0.07	2.85
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	100.30	103.70†	+ 0.40	6.65
Model Ptflio	241.20	256.10		2.37
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	364.47	389.97	+ 0.32	0.51
Best of British	73.88	78.52†	+ 0.01	1.97
UK Smaller Cos	155.44	167.09	- 2.96	1.17
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	312.24	332.52	+ 0.05	3.35
-do- Accum #	880.23	937.40	+ 0.12	3.35
High Income	336.03	359.21†	- 0.12	4.35
Extra Income #	292.51	311.07†	- 0.25	6.22
Pref & Bond	49.37	51.02†	+ 0.10	8.30
International				
Ethical	129.95	132.55	- 0.04	1.07
International	318.43	336.07†	- 1.21	
Global Bond	54.91	57.94†	- 0.05	5.47
Intl Port Tst	99.18	106.05	- 0.13	0.64
Global Tech	231.96	249.17†	- 3.36	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	193.56	206.98	- 0.88	
European	612.64	649.60†	- 2.83	0.31
European Income #	93.78	99.41	- 0.04	3.37
Euro Smlr Cos	193.16	206.39†	+ 0.56	0.36
European Value	92.41	98.62†	- 0.06	0.13
-do- Accum	99.41	106.10	- 0.06	0.13
Japan Trust	205.48	219.39	+ 0.41	
Japan Smlr Cos	205.72	219.91†	- 0.83	
Pacific Smlr Cos	235.75	251.18†	- 2.01	
North American	321.93	341.78	- 2.43	
American Smaller	172.93	184.80†	- 1.51	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Income & Growth #	161.20	169.70	+ 0.20	4.96
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	123.39	129.20†	- 0.09	1.72
Capital	203.78	213.30	- 0.28	1.44
Dollar	509.15	533.14†	- 3.32	
Enterprise Gth	435.27	455.78	- 0.96	0.94
European	273.42	286.31	- 0.34	0.60
Far East	308.81	323.36	- 0.71	0.16
Financial	£10.45	£10.94	- 3.46	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.42	27.48†	+ 0.08	7.32
High Yield #	112.46	117.76	- 0.03	5.09
Income & Growth #	162.76	170.43†	+ 0.06	3.75
International	289.64	303.29	- 1.27	0.27
Japanese General	189.75	198.69	- 0.61	
Japan Tech	80.39	84.17	- 0.53	
Nat Resources	80.22	84.00	- 0.22	0.46
Portfolio	86.08	90.13	- 0.32	1.19
Special Sits	212.09	222.08	- 0.49	0.07
UK Emerging Cos	131.65	137.85	- 2.31	0.76
US Smaller Cos	159.30	166.80	- 1.05	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	650.10	693.82	+ 0.10	5.46
UK Growth	719.00	767.30†	- 1.30	2.51
High Income #	116.30	124.10†	+ 0.20	5.61
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	624.60	661.00	- 2.70	0.26
European Gwth	144.20	153.30	- 0.60	0.11
Japan Gwth	253.40	269.50†	- 0.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	30.95	33.03	- 0.06	
Asian	62.84	67.06	+ 0.01	0.78
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.78	89.41	- 0.15	
Hong Kong Gwth	158.70	169.30	+ 1.20	1.04
Global Bond	21.64	22.84	- 0.07	5.06
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	170.00	170.90		3.25
Wide Index	129.70	133.20	- 0.20	2.19
THE FOOTSIE FUND	66.20	69.53	+ 0.02	2.86
Index Funds-International				
American Index	290.30	291.80	- 0.90	0.92
Eurotrack 100	199.20	200.30	- 0.20	1.46
Japan Index	71.70	72.06	+ 0.10	0.18
Tiger Index	188.80	193.70	- 0.20	0.15
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.35	52.42	- 0.28	1.25
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.98	92.62†	- 0.30	1.40
Managed	91.82	95.60†	- 0.30	1.40
Export Child Fnd	103.97	108.30	- 0.20	2.12
UK Growth	71.58	74.52†	- 0.18	1.85
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	89.39	93.07	- 0.04	5.41
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.06	27.95†	+ 0.06	8.09
UK Inc & Gwth	48.51	50.50†	- 0.04	3.02
UK Income #	376.30	391.80†	- 0.40	4.22
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	63.74	66.04†	- 0.37	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	158.60	165.10	- 3.00	
-do- Accum	160.30	166.90	- 3.00	
Europe Gth	234.40	243.60	- 1.40	
-do- Accum	242.80	252.40	- 1.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.42	47.25†	- 0.17	
French Growth	98.94	100.70	- 0.70	0.08
-do- Accum	104.60	108.80	- 0.70	0.08
H Kong & China	101.00	105.00	+ 0.10	0.80
Intl Growth	67.82	70.55†	- 0.24	0.06
-do- Accum	69.66	71.84†	- 0.24	0.06
Japan Gth	28.58	29.73	- 0.07	
-do- Accum	28.58	29.73	- 0.07	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.44	35.83†	- 0.08	
Glob Emg Mkts	90.43	94.15	- 0.32	
-do- Accum	91.07	94.82	- 0.32	0.11
SE Asia	343.90	358.00	- 0.89	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	51.49	53.07†	- 0.10	6.45
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
Sector Value Inc #	104.40	110.20†	- 0.10	3.74
Sector Value Gwth	105.90	111.70†		2.04
Hy 5 Europe	102.70	107.70	- 0.40	2.34
Slater Gwth	178.60	188.50†	+ 0.30	0.48
New Japan	92.66	97.61	- 1.36	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	187.00	198.90	- 4.40	
Income #	220.46	234.52	- 0.01	4.14
UK Growth	86.65	92.17	- 0.32	1.86

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	84.25	89.62	- 0.40	0.45
Ecology	102.17	108.69†	- 0.21	0.87
European	206.436	219.58	- 0.64	0.56
Far Eastern	297.20	316.10	+ 1.00	
UK Special Sits	53.57	57.14†	- 0.48	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers. 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	102.19	105.60	+ 0.30	7.05
Gilt Yield	120.40	127.00	+ 0.20	6.78
Global Income	229.50	243.10†	- 0.90	3.64
High Yield	152.40	163.20†	+ 0.30	5.71
-do- Accum	508.60	541.10†	+ 1.30	5.71
Smlr Cos Dvr	62.10	66.06†	- 0.24	3.42
Capital Growth Trusts				
Asian Smlr Cos	154.70	164.60	- 1.40	
Asian Growth	320.60	341.10	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	376.80	400.90	- 1.70	
North American	111.13	118.53	- 0.65	0.22
European Special	124.60	132.60	- 0.40	1.25
European	179.40	190.90	- 0.80	0.47
-do- Accum	237.40	252.63	- 1.00	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	120.70	128.00	- 0.30	1.92
Japan	368.10	391.60	- 1.90	
Japanese Special	200.70	213.50	- 1.00	
Smaller Cos	145.27	155.10†	+ 0.10	1.08
UK Equity Growth	52.55	55.88	+ 0.23	1.79
UK Index Inc	338.00	339.70†	- 0.10	3.90
Brcham Tst	106.70	114.72†	- 3.30	2.09
-do- Accum	108.10	116.20†	- 3.50	2.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5968				
Bridge Income	305.58	325.98†	- 0.55	4.99
Inc & Growth Inc	69.38	73.81	+ 0.03	3.75
Smaller Cos	91.22	97.04†	- 0.32	1.23
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	463.30	491.60	- 0.40	2.19
UK Inc/Gth #	478.30	507.50	- 0.40	4.23
UK Income #	332.00	352.73†	- 0.50	5.05
UK Sm Cos	313.80	335.40	- 2.20	1.67
Euro Gwth	162.60	172.25†	- 0.60	0.46
N Amer Gwth	121.10	128.50	- 0.90	
Japan Growth	56.49	59.94	- 0.11	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 380 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	567.90	587.98†	- 0.70	2.73
-do- Accum @	£12.17	£12.17†	- 1.00	2.73
Equity Income @ #	106.00	106.00	+ 0.20	4.26
UK Tactical Allocn @	67.44	67.44	- 0.03	4.11
European @	144.10	144.10†	- 0.50	0.97
Far Eastern @	223.70	223.70†	- 0.60	
Fixed Interest @	55.30	55.30	+ 0.17	7.32
Gilt @	92.05	92.05†	+ 0.25	6.53
Global Growth @	88.49	88.49†	- 0.21	0.19
Intl Bond @	51.47	51.47†	- 0.10	5.17
Japanese @	64.71	64.71†	- 0.06	
North American @	223.10	223.20	- 0.90	0.85
Pacific Growth @	120.60	120.60†	+ 0.20	0.79
UK Index @	77.31	77.31†	- 0.02	3.23
UK Recovery @	116.30	116.30†	- 0.30	2.03
UK Smaller Cos @	167.10	167.10	- 1.50	1.22
US Index @	85.00	85.00	- 0.39	1.31
European Index @	91.24	91.24†	- 0.34	1.53
Japan Index @	36.66	36.65	+ 0.08	
Worldwide @	98.11	98.11†	- 0.27	1.59
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	57.23	60.99	- 0.25	2.23
Income	66.24	70.34	+ 0.05	4.10
Far East	51.26	54.62	- 0.07	0.08
North American	131.30	140.30	- 0.90	
Global	100.60	107.50	- 0.60	0.41
European	96.16	102.80	- 0.10	1.04
Japan	34.34	36.60	+ 0.10	
Intl Currency Bd	57.85	61.37†	- 0.11	4.52
SE Asia	107.40	114.80	- 0.20	0.49
UK Cap Growth	103.80	111.00†	- 0.10	2.62
Recovery Trust	90.83	97.14†	- 0.20	1.25
Managed	75.27	80.50	- 0.12	1.25
Cash	51.47	51.47	+ 0.01	4.55
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	409.40	435.50†	- 1.40	2.36
-do- Accum	978.50	£10.41	- 3.30	2.36
Contl Euro Gth	80.36	84.59†	- 0.24	0.39
-do- Accum	87.22	91.60	- 0.26	0.39
Extra Inc	279.90	297.80†	- 3.50	3.98
-do- Accum	780.50	830.40	- 9.80	3.98
FTSE 100 Inc	121.90	122.73	- 0.10	2.88
FTSE 100 Acc	127.22	135.40	- 0.20	2.88
General Gth	139.70	147.10	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	146.50	154.30	- 0.40	
Growth Port	669.40	712.20	+ 5.70	0.07
-do- Accum	697.00	742.20	- 6.00	0.07
High Interest Inc	100.60	104.30	+ 0.50	7.56
High Interest Acc	106.70	110.60	+ 0.50	7.52
Hi Reserve Inc #	106.80	113.70†	+ 0.10	6.23
Hi Reserve Acc #	117.30	124.80	+ 0.10	6.23
Income	549.40	584.50†	+ 0.10	3.16
-do- Accum	£15.72	£16.75	+ 1.00	3.16
Income Port	563.10	599.10†	+ 0.60	4.32
-do- Accum	637.20	677.90	+ 1.00	4.32
Japan Growth	94.45	100.50	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	94.70	100.90	- 0.70	
Master Trust	68.15	72.50	- 0.20	1.25
-do- Accum	78.60	83.72	- 0.20	1.25
Millennium Acc	95.69	101.80		2.33
N American Gen	248.40	264.30	- 2.00	
-do- Accum	287.50	305.90	- 2.30	
NAm Sm Co Rec	193.10	205.50	- 1.70	
-do- Accum	197.10	209.70	- 1.70	
Pacific Basin	258.30	274.80	+ 4.00	
-do- Accum	275.10	292.70	+ 4.20	
Small Cos Rec	532.00	560.10†	- 4.70	1.97
-do- Accum	735.00	773.70	- 6.50	1.97
UK Eq Gth	165.50	176.10	- 0.40	2.50
UK Eq Inc	129.00	137.30	+ 0.10	3.91
UK Growth	106.00	112.80	- 1.40	1.82
-do- Accum	133.00	141.50	- 1.90	1.82
Worldwide Gth	350.90	373.30	- 5.80	0.30
-do- Accum	518.60	551.80	- 8.50	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	88.02	94.29	- 0.02	0.70
General	107.99	115.66†	+ 0.64	2.70
Income	73.29	78.59	+ 0.55	5.90
International	72.82	78.24	- 0.17	0.50
Japan	51.81	55.59	- 0.71	
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.19	81.71†	- 0.01	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	524.60	554.10	- 3.80	0.32
-do- Accum	656.70	693.60	- 4.70	0.32
Amer Recovery	583.20	616.70†	- 1.20	0.07
-do- Accum	674.50	713.20†	- 1.40	0.07
Amer Smlr Cos	165.60	175.10	- 2.30	
-do- Accum	169.20	178.90	- 2.40	
Australasian	208.50	220.50	- 0.60	2.10
-do- Accum	261.80	277.00	- 0.60	2.10
Capital	974.70	1030.70	- 3.10	2.91
-do- Accum	1163.90	1230.70	- 3.60	2.91
Charifund	750.20	785.80†	- 0.90	6.95
-do- Accum	3967.30	4001.00†	- 4.80	5.95
Commodity	471.00	498.10	- 0.50	0.17
-do- Accum	698.40	736.60	- 0.80	0.17
Compound Gth	1173.60	1177.60†	+ 0.60	2.71
-do- Accum	1230.20	1300.90†	+ 0.70	2.71
Corporate Bond	25.98	26.08	+ 0.05	7.30
Dividend	43.50	46.60†		4.88
-do- Accum	197.30	209.60†	+ 0.10	4.88
Equity Income	330.70	340.70	+ 0.10	5.69
-do- Accum	458.80	484.90	+ 0.10	5.69
Euro & General	626.30	662.30	- 3.10	0.75
-do- Accum	804.40	850.60	- 4.00	0.75
Euro Dividend	80.60	85.20	- 0.10	3.60
-do- Accum	102.80	108.59	- 0.10	3.60
Extra Yield	460.50	487.00	- 0.90	5.08
-do- Accum	1557.50	1647.30	- 2.90	5.08
Fund of Inv Tsts	714.60	755.10†	- 0.20	1.94
-do- Accum	1379.30	1458.80†	- 0.30	1.94
General	69.60	73.60	- 0.10	3.86
-do- Accum	205.10	216.80	- 0.30	3.86
Gilt Income	62.37	62.46†	+ 0.16	6.90
-do- Accum	191.86	192.15†	+ 0.52	6.90
Gold	75.10	79.40	- 1.10	0.16
-do- Accum	89.80	95.00	- 1.30	0.16
High Income	33.10	35.00		4.88
-do- Accum	141.20	149.50		4.88
Intl Growth	89.20	94.30	- 0.30	0.88
-do- Accum	157.30	166.90	- 0.60	0.68
International Inc	107.70	113.90†	- 0.30	4.64
-do- Accum	172.80	182.80†	- 0.50	4.64
Japan & Gen	36.90	39.00†		
-do- Accum	39.60	41.80†	- 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	133.40	141.00†	- 0.20	
-do- Accum	134.30	142.00†	- 0.20	
Managed Gwth	27.00	28.50	- 0.10	1.68
Managed Income	29.70	31.20†		4.23
Midland	61.20	64.70†		3.32
-do- Accum	215.50	228.10†		3.32
Pension Ex	1064.90	1091.60†	- 1.10	4.29
Recovery	46.80	49.50	- 0.10	3.12
-do- Accum	80.40	85.20	- 0.20	3.12
Second General	76.60	81.00	- 0.10	3.87
-do- Accum	207.70	219.60	- 0.30	3.87
Smaller Cos	70.30	74.30	- 0.10	3.35
-do- Accum	145.60	153.90	- 0.20	3.35
Sth East Asia	381.20	403.10	- 2.20	1.19
-do- Accum	510.50	539.90	- 3.00	1.19
Treasury	25.15	25.19†	+ 0.01	5.68
Trustee	43.50	46.00†	- 0.10	5.34
-do- Accum	190.00	201.10†	- 0.40	5.34
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	98.31	104.58†	- 0.64	1.86
Intl Bond	63.12	68.31†	- 0.16	5.20
Intl Equity Growth	84.58	89.81†	- 0.45	0.75
N Amer Growth	137.43	145.99	- 0.90	0.82
Special Sits Growth	28.07	29.88	- 0.07	1.99
UK Growth	462.28	491.78†	+ 0.80	2.58
-do- Accum	638.32	679.06	- 1.12	2.56
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01628 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1431.70	1453.80†		2.90
Income #	1049.00	1058.90		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	165.00	169.70		3.59
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	179.40	184.90	- 0.20	2.51
-do- Accum	212.90	219.50	- 0.20	2.51
UK Sel Ptflo	159.70	164.70	- 0.10	2.54
-do- Accum	192.60	198.50	- 0.20	2.54
UK 100 Cos	117.10	117.10		2.84
-do- Accum	119.30	119.30		2.84
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	74.22	78.96		3.59
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4846				
Intl Income	83.80	88.96	- 0.05	3.46
European	105.50	112.00	- 0.60	0.65
Income #	84.52	89.72†	+ 0.22	4.08
Nth American	99.44	105.60	- 1.10	0.23
Far East	175.20	186.00	- 0.30	0.08
Japan	57.60	61.15	- 0.38	
Emerging Mkts	81.06	86.70	+ 0.07	0.82
Intl Growth	127.30	135.10†	- 0.80	0.38
UK Growth	123.88	131.40†	- 0.60	2.80
UK Smlr Co	62.74	66.60†	+ 0.09	1.35
Asia Pacific	36.66	39.21	- 0.03	0.22
Glob Gwth PEP	61.31	65.08†	- 0.40	1.33
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	100.60	107.10	- 0.30	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	461.12	490.55	- 0.27	4.62
Global Inc	75.41	80.22	- 0.10	4.36
Brit Leaders	394.09	419.24	- 1.61	3.62
Intl Leaders	235.18	250.19	- 1.09	1.44
PAM Mg Bal Grth	71.91	74.71	- 0.04	0.46
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	273.00	288.10†	- 2.80	
-do- Accum	291.90	308.60†	- 3.10	
American Opps	123.80	132.10†	- 1.90	
-do- Accum	125.40	133.80†	- 1.98	
British Blue Chip	97.06	103.00†	- 0.20	2.33
-do- Accum	125.90	133.60†	- 0.20	2.33
Cash	100.40	100.40		5.42
-do- Accum	149.10	149.10		5.42
Emerging Mkts	121.20	130.30	- 0.50	0.11
-do- Accum	122.70	131.90	- 0.60	0.11
European Growth	328.40	345.60	- 0.50	0.13
-do- Accum	355.90	376.80	- 0.50	0.13
European Income	91.93	97.24	+ 0.060	2.95
-do- Accum	132.30	139.80		2.95
General	678.90	698.40	- 1.90	1.88
-do- Accum	1266.00	1347.00	- 4.00	1.88
Global Bond	131.30	137.90	- 0.10	5.56
-do- Accum	174.60	183.48	- 0.10	5.56
Gold & General	211.60	226.00	- 1.70	0.40
-do- Accum	218.40	233.90	- 1.70	0.40
Govt Securities	96.57	99.58	+ 0.300	6.00
-do- Accum	202.50	208.70	+ 0.600	6.00
High Yield Bd	103.10	105.60	+ 0.400	6.94
-do- Accum	109.60	112.30	+ 0.400	6.94
Income	188.70	199.70†	- 0.30	4.21
-do- Accum	314.30	333.60†	- 0.50	4.21
Inc Portfolio #	112.80	119.40	+ 0.100	4.80
-do- Accum #	123.00	130.30	+ 0.100	4.80
Intl Opps	550.20	586.80	- 3.80	0.15
-do- Accum	742.50	792.00	- 5.00	0.15
Japan	158.70	169.30	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	162.90	173.40	- 1.16	
New Europe	239.70	255.70	+ 2.000	0.79
-do- Accum	249.50	266.10	+ 2.200	0.79
Pacific	113.70	121.10	- 0.40	0.84
-do- Accum	122.40	130.50	- 0.40	0.84
Recovery	455.70	486.10†	+ 2.500	0.53
-do- Accum	601.50	641.60†	+ 3.200	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	65.39	69.75	- 0.17	0.74
-do- Accum	75.50	80.53	- 0.21	0.74
Portfolio	94.71	99.98	- 0.12	2.31
-do- Accum	116.10	123.00	- 0.20	2.31
Managed Gth	131.10	139.60	- 0.38	1.82
Managed Inc	121.30	125.80		2.98
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	155.05	164.98	- 0.73	0.14
Portfolio	81.36	86.55	- 0.04	1.39
UK Income Inc	91.15	96.97	- 0.03	4.87
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	68.22	72.43	- 0.03	2.71
-do- Accum	75.60	80.42	- 0.03	2.71
British Tst	107.80	112.80	+ 0.50	2.74
-do- Accum	129.00	135.00	+ 0.50	2.74
Corp Bond Inc	100.30	103.90†	+ 0.20	6.65
-do- Accum	104.00	107.70†	+ 0.20	6.65
Euro High Inc	70.44	73.76		7.07
-do- Accum	151.70	158.90		7.07
FTSE 100 Acc	70.03	73.32	+ 0.01	2.77
FTSE 100 Dist	66.06	69.17	+ 0.01	2.77
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.63	58.93	+ 0.12	5.81
-do- Accum	180.40	187.70	+ 0.30	5.81
High Yield	235.70	246.20†	+ 0.40	6.31
-do- Accum	654.40	687.30†	+ 1.10	6.31
Income	325.00	341.40	+ 3.20	3.98
-do- Accum	765.60	801.60	+ 7.40	3.98
Money Market UT	49.33	49.33†	+ 0.06	4.89
-do- Accum	83.46	83.46†	+ 0.10	4.89
Monthly Income	93.36	97.76†	- 0.02	4.89
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	134.30	142.90	- 0.60	1.97
European Growth	131.60	139.50	+ 0.70	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	101.20	107.30	+ 0.20	5.17
Income	104.30	111.00		2.36
Japan Growth	46.72	49.53	- 0.30	
Managed	84.38	89.74	- 0.05	1.96
Money Market	95.04	101.70	+ 0.18	3.95
North American	112.00	118.70	+ 0.50	0.38
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	121.80	129.60	- 0.40	1.36
European Growth	123.60	131.60	+ 0.60	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.41	101.20	+ 0.30	5.19
Income	102.30	108.80		2.36
Japan Growth	46.58	49.32	- 0.30	
Managed	80.50	85.73	- 0.05	1.94
Money Market	88.45	93.76	+ 0.12	3.92
North American	101.10	107.20	+ 0.40	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	120.80	128.50	- 0.40	1.37
European Growth	120.90	128.20	+ 0.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.66	90.85	+ 0.15	5.43
Income	99.36	105.70		2.42
Japan Growth	47.58	50.41	- 0.31	
Managed	83.08	88.38	- 0.06	1.96
Money Market	80.45	85.27	+ 0.16	4.09
North American	113.20	120.00	+ 0.40	0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.24	16.15		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	470.10	499.10†	- 4.40	
European Gth Inc	558.10	597.80	- 3.20	
-do- Accum	564.20	604.30	- 3.20	
Intl Gwth	229.00	243.30†	- 1.00	
UK Equity Inc	223.80	238.40†	- 0.50	3.83
Do. Accum	305.40	325.30†	- 0.70	3.83
Uk Ind Tckr Inc	195.20	208.30	- 0.40	3.10
-do- Accum	241.50	257.70	- 0.50	3.10
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	281.10	297.50	- 1.40	0.82
Japan Tracker	67.02	70.57†	+ 0.11	
Asian Tracker	221.70	239.30†	- 0.20	0.14
Mngd Ptflio Inc	189.50	201.20	- 0.20	1.96
Mngd Ptflio Acc	205.70	219.50	- 0.30	1.98
Deposit Inc	100.08	100.08†	+ 0.01	5.23
Europe	258.50	276.90	- 2.10	
Generis	215.18	232.60†	- 0.50	2.43
High Income	20.75	22.09†	+ 0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	109.90	117.20†	- 0.10	1.91
Acumen Inc	98.71	100.80†	- 0.10	1.91
Acumen Reserve	97.02	97.98†	+ 0.37	6.98
-do- Inc	74.85	75.60†	+ 0.28	6.98
American Growth	69.61	71.64	- 0.62	
Equity Income #	104.40	107.00		4.49
European	81.49	83.36	+ 0.15	0.52
Smaller Cos	90.71	94.92†	- 2.04	1.16
W'wide Eqty	78.41	78.09	- 0.14	
Global Bond	43.31	43.77†	- 0.11	5.37
UK Growth	115.00	118.10	- 0.20	1.42
Pacific Growth	118.80	122.10	- 0.40	0.40
Japan Growth	88.18	89.61	+ 0.05	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	150.52	160.13	- 0.05	2.64
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 236 8262				
UK Growth	91.25	97.08	- 0.02	2.19
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-do- Accum	1488.10	1583.10	+ 1583.	
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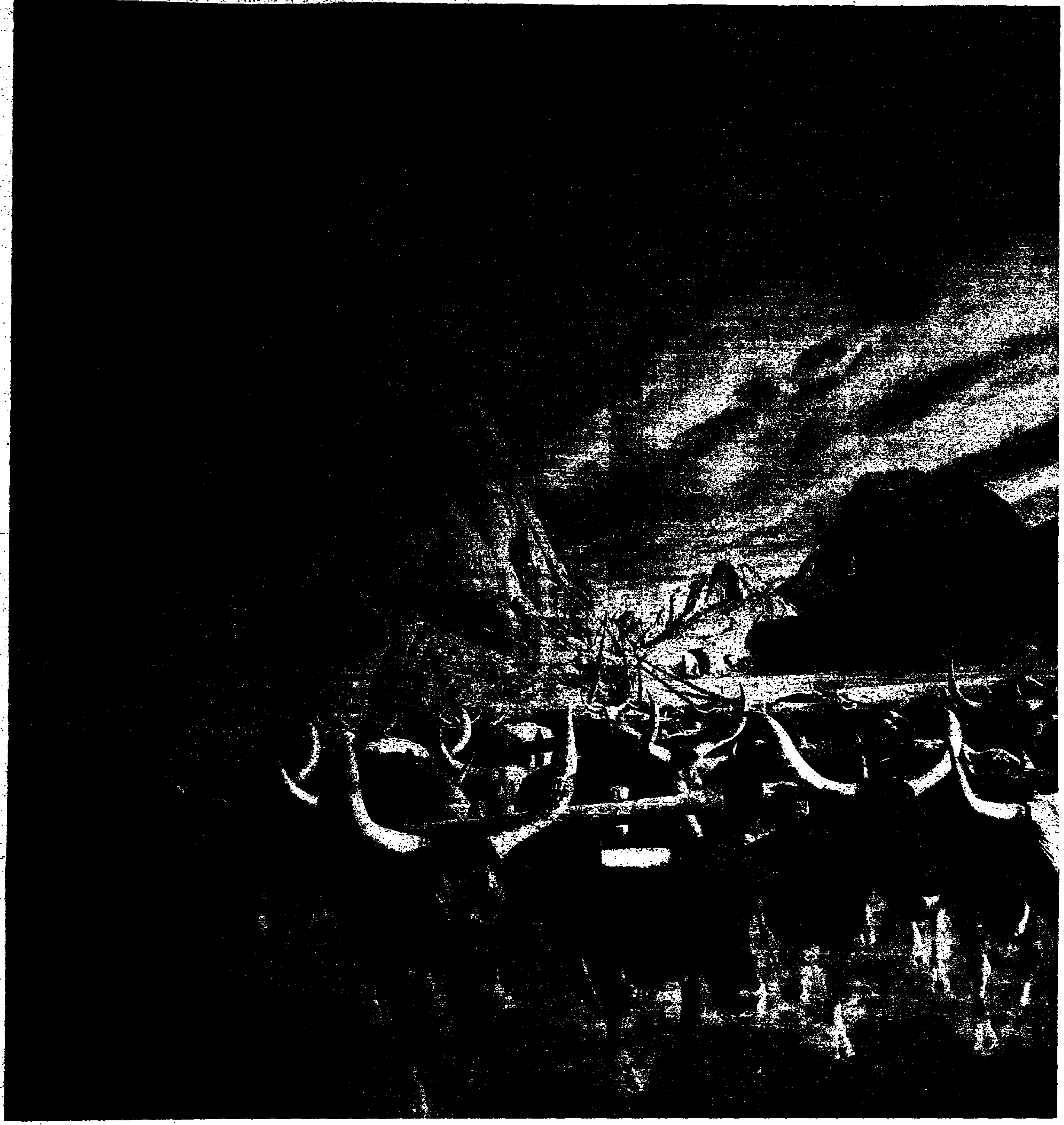

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At 14, could the Welsh schoolgirl Rakhi Singh be the next violin prodigy?

Mohamed goes to the mountain

Nigel Williamson meets a man with a mighty task – to record South Africa's music before it is lost for ever

In the 1930s, Alan Lomax toured the southern states of America making a series of historic recordings for the Library of Congress. By doing so he resuscitated a dying tradition of country blues sung by black sharecroppers, chain-gang convicts and others living in rural poverty, and put the world of music in his debt. During his travels he discovered the likes of Leadbelly and Blind Willie McTell and recorded for posterity a unique folk culture which later inspired a generation of musicians from Bob Dylan to Bruce Springsteen.

This month the veteran South African musician Pops Mohamed and his country's broadcasting corporation began a similar exercise across southern Africa. The intention is to record the music of rural tribes before that, too, is lost for ever. The project will take in the remarkable ritual music of the women dancers of Venda in northern Transvaal; the split-tone singers of the Xhosa in the Eastern Cape, whose extraordinary technique allows them to sing two notes simultaneously; and the timeless chants of the Khoi-San, the bushmen of the Kalahari. "This music is centuries old and it has to be carefully nurtured," Mohamed says. "And these musicians have to be recorded in the field because they are never going to enter a studio."

It is one of the ironies of a free South Africa that the survival of traditional music has never been more precarious. While the white regime ruled the country, tribal music was a badge of resistance and a symbol of faith in indigenous culture. Today a democratic South Africa means a free range of influences across the rainbow nation and, like so much of the rest of the world, a creeping American cultural hegemony, even in the townships and the rural areas.

Terry Cohen, the drummer with the successful Johannesburg all-women group the Pressure Cookies, says: "The kids in Soweto want to have the same as kids of their age in America. It is all hip-hop and rap and back-to-front baseball caps. They don't necessarily want to be reminded of their own cultural background."

Radio encourages this with an endless diet of the latest American sounds. Local musicians recently won a legal quota requiring stations to play 20 per cent South African music, but this still means four foreign acts for every South African artist given airplay. Five years ago a third of all record sales were by local artists. Today the figure is one in six.

> ❛ If people don't understand where they came from, there is a hole in the soul ❜
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> POPS MOHAMED

Paul Kruger, the Boer War leader, said on his deathbed that "those who wish to create the future must not lose sight of the past". The old racist would seem to be an unlikely exemplar for black musicians but Mohamed, who has long been running a one-man crusade to keep traditional music alive, endorses the sentiment: "Through traditional music people can find their own sense of African identity, a respect for themselves, their culture and for others," he says. "People are letting their heritage die if they only listen to Western sounds. If they don't understand where they came from, there is a hole where the soul should be."

Mohamed strives ceaselessly to encourage young musicians to go back to their roots. When not recording or touring, he will be found running workshops in the townships, tutoring students on how to play traditional instruments. Although the South African Ministry of Culture is supportive, there is no government financial aid for such projects. In the reconstruction of modern South Africa there are more pressing priorities.

But Mohamed is no dyed-in-the-wool traditionalist. His last album, *Ancestral Healing*, combines contemporary instruments and electronics with a sense of his African background. Immediately before embarking on his tribal field recordings, he was on tour with Tananas, South Africa's top multiracial jazz fusion band. His role was to add the African textures of the *kora* and the *mbira* to the Western rhythms.

Neither instrument is strictly South African: the *kora* is a 21-string harp from West Africa and the *mbira* is the traditional thumb piano of Zimbabwe. "The ending of apartheid allowed musicians from across Africa to get together and develop a common musical heritage," Mohamed says. Some of the biggest selling world-music acts such as Baaba Maal and Youssou N'Dour have visited and played with local musicians, something which could never have happened under the old regime.

However, Hugh Masekela, the veteran jazz musician who returned to South Africa after 30 years in exile, complains that the music industry is still owned and run by whites. "There is no investment in the townships, and the whites still own everything," he says. "The whites are the only people who have been liberated, because they are no longer pariahs."

On Johannesburg's streets the buskers still play traditional instruments. But what sells is hip-hop and rap, the music of the West

Kerry Friedman, the manager of Tananas, agrees in part, but sees development elsewhere. "The record industry here is totally hidebound," she says. "They don't really know what is happening." Instead, an entire subculture has grown up outside the mainstream which allows local Afro-pop acts to sell huge numbers of albums on small, independent labels without the benefit of company promotion or radio play. "Nobody in smart Johannesburg society has heard of a band like Penny Penny," Friedman says, "but they have sold 200,000 albums in the townships by word of mouth."

In some respects, it cannot be denied that a racial divide is still evident. Last month the American singer Tracy Chapman, who has probably played more anti-apartheid concerts in America and Europe than anyone, performed for 70,000 people at a racetrack outside Johannesburg. Before she went on stage, she looked out at a sea of white faces and asked what had happened to the rainbow nation. The answer was that, at 120 rands a ticket (about £17, or more than a week's groceries), the audience was always going to be 95 per cent white. So she held a workshop in Soweto for those who could not afford the ticket price.

Musicians are struggling in the new South Africa — but then Nelson Mandela never promised anyone it was going to be easy. Johannesburg's most famous live music club, Kippie's, has temporarily closed after running into financial difficulties. Over at the Bass Line, another top jazz venue, Brad Holmes, the owner, has sold his car to pay some of the club's bills.

But the music remains vibrant and Friedman rounds on the pessimists. "We are free from the yoke of apartheid, so we are now moving beyond the political phase and concentrating on producing great music. There is an upsurge out there, so many great new bands."

It cannot be long before they make a major impact on the rest of the world, for, as even the otherwise pessimistic Masekela says: "South Africans are the most resilient, joyous people I know. And the music proves it."

POP AND JAZZ: An American songbird fails to take flight; Bristolian rapper keeps to the shadows; touching M-Base

Let's talk basic

Steve Coleman
Jazz Café, NW1

WHEN Chicago-born saxophonist Steve Coleman and a small but influential group of like-minded musicians first burst on the New York scene in the mid 1980s, their brand of improvised music, a street-smart mix of jazz with hip-hop, soul and rap, was referred to by its adherents themselves as M-Base: Macro-Basic Array of Structured Extempurisation. Born partly out of frustration at the prevalence in the contemporary jazz world of retro-jazz, and partly out of a straightforward desire, in Coleman's words, "to find a common language, based on a certain balance of structure and improvisation", M-Base music can strike the unprepared ear as a somewhat relentless barrage of hip virtuosity set to robotic beats.

Heard in its proper setting, though — a packed club with a standing audience — the great strengths of the style become immediately apparent. As soon as Coleman's Five Elements (keyboard player Andy Milne, bassist David Dyson, percussionist Anga Diaz Zayas and drummer Sean Rickman, plus an onstage dancer, Rosangela Silvestre) set up their hypnotic rhythm, the sheer visceral impact of the music took immediate hold. Bodies were set in motion, not to come to rest until nearly two hours later.

Coleman's alto sound is also very much an acquired taste. Slippery and dry at first, it owes enough stylistic debt to Charlie Parker, and is infused with sufficient soulful pep from the likes of James Brown's saxophonist Maceo Parker, to enable admirers of either influence to find a way into Coleman's music.

Coming as it did at the end of the ten-day Oris London Jazz Festival, Coleman's exhilarating display proved that the jazz scene is as vibrant and innovative as it ever was.

CHRIS PARKER

Glamour but not a lot to Crow about

Sheryl Crow
Empire, W12

Many North American acts who enjoyed big-selling first albums in the 1990s have since found it hard to maintain momentum in Britain. Witness the disappointing sales of recent releases by Spin Doctors, Counting Crows, the Black Crowes and Crash Test Dummies, all albums which have fallen on the wrong side of the Britpop watershed.

It may be too soon to add another Crow to that list, but at this juncture it seems doubtful that Sheryl Crow's self-titled second album will scale the dizzy heights of her 1993 debut, *Tuesday Night Music Club*.

And for all its understated charm, her show at Shepherds Bush on Monday did seem prematurely middle-aged. Vintage tracks by the Stones, Dylan and Rod Stewart played reassuringly over the PA before Crow came on and struck up the opening riff of *Hard to Make a Stand*. A mid-tempo song with a Lou Reed-influenced swagger, it fitted seamlessly alongside the sounds that had gone before.

Despite boasting one of the most memorable choruses of the year, *If It Makes You Happy* was one of several ensuing numbers that seemed to be stuck in third gear, confirming an impression of Crow as a performer with a lot of words and melody in her soul, but little sense of urgency in her style.

Although a glamorous figure in her skimpy black T-shirt and tight black trousers, with a succession of acoustic and electric guitars slung around her neck, she did not come across as a natural exhibitionist. Her five-piece backing band performed ably, but added little colour, and it took a while for the show to gather pace. But the sheer weight of great tunes gradually took effect: *Run, Baby, Run*, *Sweet Rosalyn*, *Maybe Angels* and *Can't Cry Anymore* all hit the spot with a satisfying grace.

Towards the end of the show, the band were joined by Crow's former employer and romantic companion of recent months, Eric Clapton. Despite looking as if he had been been dragged away from a quiet night in front of the telly, he effortlessly upstaged the rock ordinaire style of Crow's own guitarists.

His contribution to the songs, including *All I Wanna Do*, *Home*, *Superstar* and a grandstanding finale of *Ordinary Morning*, finally tipped the balance, turning an enjoyable if somewhat workaday set into something special.

DAVID SINCLAIR

LINDSAY MAGGS

Run, baby, run: Sheryl Crow's performance never really gets beyond third gear

Awkward manoeuvres in the dark

Tricky
Fridge, SW2

ALTHOUGH last year's debut Tricky album, *Maxinquaye*, was wildly hailed as a new peak in left-field British pop, the first ramshackle live shows put together by this mercurial Bristolian rapper never quite did it justice.

Returning from voluntary exile in New York to showcase his second official album, *Pre-Millennium Tension*, Tricky has assembled a new band of session players and a fresh stage show. But, if anything, showmanship seems to be an even smaller consideration now. At Brixton's Fridge club on Monday, the six-strong group delivered the entire 90-minute set entombed in sepulchral gloom, illuminated only by occasional splashes of bilious green and purple light. Tricky himself spent much of the show with his back to the audience and, with fellow lead vocalist Martina Topley-Bird, in murky silhouette.

An awkward non-conformist stance, perhaps, but one which suited the music's dank, furtive, claustrophobic mood to perfection. While these endlessly repeated drum loops and freeform asthmatic rasps occasionally overstepped the line between compelling intensity and turgid self-indulgence, Tricky's latest band still brought most of them vividly to life, from the simmering slow-motion funk of *Christiansands* to the grinding industrial cacophany of *Vent*.

Strikingly, there was a punkish energy to much of the set which was previously confined to Tricky's records alone. A ferocious new composition with the working title *Stevie Wonder* certainly found its author on combative form, snarling like a West Country gangsta rapper over relentless waves of rattling percussion.

Yet, ironically, Tricky's uniqueness derives from being a rapper who publicly airs his vulnerable, introspective and feminine qualities alongside his brooding machismo. He may play up his demonic side, but Topley-Bird is clearly his guardian angel, bringing some semblance of harmony to his fevered vision. And to his credit, Tricky allowed her heavenly voice to shine on many highlights at Brixton, including the eerily beautiful former single *Overcome* and the high-speed rap marathon *Lyrics of Fury*.

So it seems that not only has Tricky learnt how to present his music in a suitably dramatic manner, but also that he has done so by defiantly rejecting the fashionable "trip-hop" label which has dogged his career to date. While that nebulous tag has come to signify tasteful background music, Tricky wilfully pursues an ever darker and dirtier muse. Just as long as Topley-Bird is there to act as ying to his yang, Tricky's live shows will remain starkly uncompromising but spellbinding experiences.

STEPHEN DALTON

Tricky: airing his feminine qualities alongside his machismo

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

RAKHI SINGH

Age: 14.

Why is she in the news? Accompanied by the London Philharmonic, she will be playing Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 in G Minor at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Saturday, as a finalist in the tenth Audi Junior Musician competition. Victory would bring a trophy and £2,000.

Home town: Llandybie, South Wales. She has been at Chetham's School of Music, in Manchester, since passing a demanding audition at the age of nine.

What's her secret? "I have perfect pitch, which helps a lot. Violin playing is just something I can do naturally, the way some people are good at catching a ball."

Musical genes: Her uncle, Gordon Gange, is a violinist with the BBC Philharmonic. Her mother, Dorothy, teaches violin at Trinity College, Carmarthen, and put a tiny fiddle into Rakhi's hands when she was three. Her brother, 11-year-old Davi-Jo, is also at Chetham's, studying — you guessed it — violin. "Dad's the odd one out. He prefers cricket."

Dedication: "I practise four hours a day in term time, plus about five hours' school work. In the holidays I sometimes practise five hours a day."

Heroes? "I worship Heifetz and Perlman. They both have amazing, unique styles."

Wish list: "I don't own my own violin." She will play the Bruch on a violin made in Paris in 1880, on loan from J. & A. Beare of London.

Positive thinking: "Whether I win or not, I'll have had the chance to play solo with a professional orchestra in a big London concert hall. What more could you ask for?"

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■ THEATRE

Bob Hoskins returns to the stage in *Old Wicked Songs*, a dark play that doesn't quite work

■ OPERA

Making her Covent Garden debut, Solveig Kringelborn excels in *Don Giovanni*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

THE BELLE VUE: Greed and rage in a curious 1920s hotel: tart early comedy by Odon von Horvath, never seen before in Britain, and presented by Actors Touring Company. Nick Philippou directs a cast headed by Ann Firbank. **Lyric Studio**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 4.30pm. Until Nov 30

FAIR LADIES AT A GAME OF POEM CARDS: Verse play by Peter Oswald, based on an 18th-century Japanese puppet play: forbidden love at court, with David Haig playing one of the obstacles the lovers must overcome. John Crowley's debut as director here. **National (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then in rep

MAX KLAPPER — A LIFE IN PICTURES: What sounds a fascinating co-production between the Gate Theatre and Stray Dog Productions: David Farr's celebration of cinema told in a mix of film and theatre and playing in London's oldest picture-house. With Anthony Higgins, Emily Lloyd (her first stage role) and Tracy Letts. **Electric Cinema**, Portobello Road, W11 (0171-420 0000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Dec 14

ELSEWHERE

BLACKPOOL: Lindsay Kemp combines live music by Carlos Miranda, sensuous and menacing drama, acrobatics and dance in his bravura tragic-comic musical **Varieté**. Drawing his inspiration from Büchner's *Woyzeck* and Chaplin's *The Circus*, the story of passion, jealousy and betrayal is played out against the background of a Hamburg fairground. **Grand**, Church Street (01253 28372). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Next in **Brighton**, Theatre Royal (01273 328488), Dec 3-7.

HUDDERSFIELD: The **Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival** begins today, and runs until December 1. Concerts, workshops, films and lectures are among the events taking place at one of the biggest and best new music festivals in Europe. There is a strong international flavour, including music by Stockhausen, Morton Feldman, Michael Finnissy, Sofia Gubaidulina, Betsy Jolas. **Huddersfield Festival** (01484 430528), for tickets and further information

NOTTINGHAM: **Elsinore**. Robert Lepage's "Variations on Shakespeare's Hamlet", resumes its tour. The stage had better be flat because a raked stage at Edinburgh forced an eleventh hour withdrawal from the Festival. **Playhouse**, Wellington Circus (0115-941 9419). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until November 23

STRATFORD: Paul Jesson and Jane Lapotaire play king and queen No 1 in Greg Doran's production of **Henry VIII**. Ian Hogg returns to the RSC after 24 years to play Cardinal Wolsey. **Swan**, Waterside (01789 295623). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens November 26, 7pm. Joined in repertoire by *Little Eyolf* in December Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Library Galleries: Nothing Else But Noise and Dance: Theatrical Entertainments in 18th-Century London (0171-323 7111) . . **Design Museum**: Doing a Dyson! (0171-378 6055) **Dulwich Picture**: Thirteen Contemporary Artists: Teachers at the Dulwich Foundation Schools (0181-693 5254) **Gallery 19**: Opera Houses of Europe (0171-937 7222) . . **Llewellyn Alexander**: Lionel Aggett (0171-620 1322) . . **Lisson**: Lee Ufan, Alan Johnston (0171-724 2739) **The October**: Aboriginal Artists (0171-242 7367) . **Portal**: Barry and Philip Castle (0171-493 0706) . **Serpentine**: Rasheed Araeen: To Whom It May Concern (0171-402 6075) **Tate**: Works from the Ted Power Collection (0171-887 8000)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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◪ **BY JEEVES**: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **CASH ON DELIVERY**: Bradley Walsh in his first leading West End role in farcical panic about benefit fraud, written by Michael Cooney and directed by his dad, Ray. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, mat Wed, 3pm.

■ **EAST IS EAST**: Co-production with Tamasha Theatre Co and Birmingham Rep. Ayub Khan Din's poignant and funny account of growing up in Salford in the 1970s, youngest of seven mixed-race children, torn between the mosque and modern England. **Royal Court Upstairs at the Ambassadors (Stage)**, West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Nov 22, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ **THE GAY DETECTIVE**: Gerard Stembridge's Dublin success in which a young Garda sergeant is told to use his gayness to solve puzzling cases. Said to be hilarious, serious and contemporary. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until November 30

☐ **KINDERTRANSPORT**: Diana Quick and Jean Boht in Diane Samuels's moving drama about a Jewish girl who reached England from Nazi Germany but grew up in denial. . **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **MACBETH**: Fascinating production by Tim Albery, with Roger Allam and Brid Brennan as Mr and Mrs Thane. Adrian Schiller is the funniest Porter ever seen. **Barbican**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. In rep.

☐ **MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION**: Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast production of Shaw's 1893 shocker. **Lyric**, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE NUN**: Greenwich Studio Theatre in Exile revives Margaret Forsyth's impressive production of Diderot's study of pain and passion behind the convent walls. **BAC**, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 5.30pm.

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE**: Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **TALKING HEADS**: Transfer of the Chichester sell-out production of Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack performing two monologues written and directed by Alan Bennett. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ◪ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE DAY THE SUN TURNED COLD (12): Spellbinding Hong Kong drama about family violence, secret love and murder, set in China's northeast. **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721)

◆ **THE FIRST WIVES CLUB** (PG): Broad comedy about vengeful Manhattan wives, with juicy parts for Diane Keaton, Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn. Director, Hugh Wilson. **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **THE ISLAND OF DR MOREAU** (12): Part-silly, part-nasty adaptation of H.G. Wells's tale, with Marlon Brando, Val Kilmer and David Thewlis. **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888 990) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

TRUE BLUE (15): *Chariots of Fire* on the River Thames: a conventional account of the 1987 mutiny among Oxford's boat race team. With Johan Leysen and Dominic West. **Odeon Leicester Square** (01426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CRAFT** (15): High school misfits delve into witchcraft. Routine fare with bright moments. With Fairuza Balk, Robin Tunney, director, Andrew Fleming. **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DRAGONHEART** (PG): Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid, director, Rob Cohen. **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

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Minor, but far from flat

THEATRE

Old Wicked Songs
Gielgud

In the early 1980s we saw Bob Hoskins variously being perky, ferocious, jolly, grim and brutish on the London stage. But the excellent reviews he got for his performances in *Guys and Dolls*, *The Duchess of Malfi* and Sam Shepard's *True West* did not prevent him being sucked into the movies and, most recently, that irritating television ad in which he potters about people's rooms opining that it is good to talk. Whatever the weaknesses of Jon Marans's *Old Wicked Songs*, then, it has one big plus. It brings Hoskins back to the theatre: and in a role which those who know him in his *Long Good Friday*, chunky, bustling mode will find surprising.

Hoskins's Mashkan is a professor of music mournfully subsisting on pastries, glum jokes and Schumann lieder in Vienna at the beginning of the Waldheim era. He makes anti-Semitic remarks, but, as you may well guess, because he himself is a Jew with a past he prefers to hide. In the play's most memorable episode, he clutches red-faced at the concentration-camp number on his arm and starts to swallow what may be a killer-dose of pills; but there are other moments, too, when Hoskins displays a vulnerability and wry melancholy not often associated with his acting.

Already I am beginning to reveal too much of Marans's plot; but my excuse is that there is something in his writing that encourages it. Absorbing and enjoyable though his two-hander mostly is, it is not exactly packed with the quirks and oddities of life itself. As soon as James Callis's young American pianist enters Mashkan's vaulty office, bristling with resentment at a world which finds his solo work overreliant on technique and now expects him to take a course in singing before teaching him the lowly craft of accompaniment — well, it is not too hard to forecast the journey that he and the professor will jointly travel.

Thanks partly to wise old Mashkan, partly to a visit to Dachau, the brash, ungainly Stephen duly acquires humility, human understanding, musical depth, a capacity for friendship and a new sense of his Jewish identity. But this process needs more sophisticated as well as less predictable handling on Marans's part. Would a gifted 25-year-old pianist really need informing that Schumann's songs radiate feeling, or, as Mashkan solemnly puts it, "this combination of joy and sadness, this is the core of truly beautiful music"? That is like telling a chef that eggshells contain yolks.

Still, the play has undeniably moving moments, sharp things to say about Austrian politics, and, above all, a lot of Schumann. Callis gives an astonishingly accomplished performance, considering that this is his professional stage debut, and part of that is, I suppose, having a singing voice somewhat in need of sandpapering. Nevertheless, you cannot miss the yearning, sorrow and rage of Schumann's love-songs to his Clara, the *Dichterliebe*. When they criss-cross the theatre, reaching an apotheosis in which Callis and Hoskins bring their dual passion to the number that gives the play its title, words seem redundant. Schumann's music makes most of Marans's points for him.

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Don Giovanni
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DONALD COOPER

Feruccio Furlanetto sings the role of the sardonic Don Giovanni, with Christiane Oelze as a sparky Zerlina

ALL CHANGE for *Don Giovanni*. A completely new set of singers now inhabits Johannes Schaaf's unlovely black box at Covent Garden. A fortnight ago the revival was dominated by Thomas Allen's powerfully malevolent performance in the title role. But the rest of the cast failed to gel.

Feruccio Furlanetto is content with a more conventional portrayal. With his goatee beard and his sardonic chuckle he is a villain from a Hollywood costume flic. The baritone is gravelly and big, too big when it comes to the Serenade. But he shows his mettle in the final tussle with the Commendatore and goes to hell with a sneer on his lips.

Furlanetto's willingness to be part of a team allows others to shine. Of these the brightest and best are the Elvira of Solveig Kringelborn and the Leporello of Franz Hawlata. Kringelborn arrives looking like a character from her fellow countryman, Ibsen. Her expression as Leporello presses on with the Catalogue Aria is that of Hedda Gabler receiving yet more bad news. Her soprano is keen and true and *Mi tradi* was full of anguish. Hawlata makes a jovial Leporello, well dressed and well fed. Together they make the Anna and Ottavio look stodgy. Christine Brewer husbands her voice carefully, but is impassive. Donald Kaasch overdecorated *Dalla sua pace* but thereafter improved. Christiane Oelze and Maxim Mikhailov were a sparky pair of country lovers and Gudjon Oskarsson's Commendatore confirmed the promise of his recent Hunding at the Barbican.

Dietfried Bernet goes right against the current trend for light, fluid Mozart, which possibly prompted a few boos at the close. The house should have been more appreciative of a far livelier team than was fielded at the beginning of the month.

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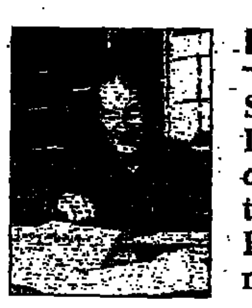

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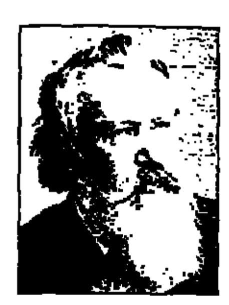

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The conclusion must be that, after an opening which could scarcely have been more disastrous if the executives of the Hallé and of the new *building had conspired* to sink it, the Bridgewater Hall is beginning to stimulate public interest. Certainly, from a seat near the front of the choir circle and with an orchestra playing into the auditorium rather than resting on acoustic illusions on the platform, the hall is sounding very much better.

Thin in musical substance but abundant in sonorous effects, the new Davies piece needs conditions like that. Some of the sounds, such as the simulated tramcar bell, are immediately and nostalgically identifiable; others, like the rattled dustbin lid and the chalk scraped on blackboards, have a visual interest if no obvious meaning. All of them are inspired by the composer's memories of the Salford in which he grew up in the 1930s. Anyway, *Throstle's Nest Junction* is an advance on the last piece in the series, *Cross Lane Fair*, at least in that the theatrical element — four bursting balloons in this case instead of a juggling act — is actually integrated into the texture.

After an engaging but sometimes cautious account of Bruch's Violin Concerto in G minor by Olivier Charlier, who really needed to get on with it towards the end of the last movement, and some lovely cor anglais playing in *The Swan of Tuonela*, Davies conducted a particularly interesting interpretation of Shostakovich's Ninth Symphony. He clearly does not take the view that, despite outward appearances, it has to be treated as a merely jokey or even predominantly light-hearted piece. He detected profound unease in the slow movement, and found a threat even amid the burlesque episodes of the finale.

GERALD LARNER

Friendly fire

Andras Schiff
Wigmore Hall

AS AN early upbeat to next year's *Brahms centenary* celebrations, Andras Schiff *launched his five-concert* series of the composer's chamber music *with piano at the* weekend. It was, inevitably, *yet another* of the Schiff-and-friends style mini-festivals for which the Wigmore Hall is now famous: music-making at once relaxed and demanding.

The first concert began with one of the last works, the Trio in A minor for clarinet, cello and piano. *Distilled* in matter and compressed in manner, this is some of Brahms's most cool writing, and it never responds well to over-heating. The steady, contained inwardness of Elmar Schmid's clarinet song, and Boris Pergamenschikow's minutely responsive, charcoal-toned cello playing went to the very heart of the work. And Schiff, at his most focused and resonant, held together the subtle oppositions of instrumental colour.

Schiff's wife, Yuuko Shiokawa, joined him for the Violn Sonata No I in G. True to form, Schiff charged the *batteries* of the performance and provided its main expressive contours, while Shiokawa responded with clarity.

The high point of the evening was the Piano Quartet No I in G minor which concluded it. The daringly long and eager first movement of this early work can, in less sensitive hands, seem long-winded. Here, though, its long and ever-expanding themes were revealed as the searching and variegated creatures that they are.

Song became march and, before we knew it, had tumbled over into the final *Rondo alla Zingarese*, with Schiff's fingers recreating a one-man gypsy band of thrillingly idiomatic pulse, rhythm and accent.

HILARY FINCH

Flurries of rich feeling

London Sinfonietta
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE composer Sofia Gubaidulina is 65, and in celebration the London Sinfonietta invited her to its all-Gubaidulina programme on Saturday. She is one of the most distinctive voices to have emerged from the old Soviet Union: she acknowledges Shostakovich and Berg as mentors, not for their sound but because they taught her to be herself.

Gubaidulina would probably have been herself anyway. Now resident in Germany, she is one of the few composers of the Russian school not to dwell nostalgically on the past. Most of her music seems to gaze by turns fearfully and fearlessly into the future.

Even her 1993 *Meditation on the Bach Chorale, Before Thy throne I come, O Lord*, for five strings and harpsichord, a this visionary quality. String musings set against a brittle harpsichord are interrupted by outbursts of gruff double bass, flutterings and howlings from the upper instruments, very effective in this first London performance.

Gubaidulina's *Seven Last Words* (1982) has had several performances in this country, but none surely better balanced than here by the conductor Markus Stenz. The religious theme, originally disguised, is typical of the composer's Soviet period, but still the work is not all retrospection. It takes the form of a seven-movement chamber concerto for cello, accordion and string orchestra. Karine Georgian's big, majestic cello tone and the powerful stabbing chords and flashes of silvery brilliance from James Crabb's accordion sustained interest where motifs are used a little repetitively.

Most rewarding of all was the first British performance of *Now Always Snow*, for chamber choir and ensemble. Four of the five movements are settings of evocative poetry by Gennadi Aigi. The short lyrical fragments, woven into rich vocal textures, were sung with feeling and precision by the London Sinfonietta Voices, and the players dispatched the light, flurrying accompaniments with ease. The narrator was Seva Novgorodsev.

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The former Lloyds Bank building on the corner of King Street and St James's Street in the heart of London has stood vacant for nearly a decade

The cheque's in the past

Wanted: a new life for thousands of architecturally distinguished old banks. Marcus Binney reports

The lights burn late in the Old Bank of England, and the cast-iron vases outside are flaming like Olympic torches long into the evening. This is the new Fullers Ale & Pie House next to the Strand Law Courts in London, and it is one of a growing breed of redundant banks now stylishly transformed into pubs, wine bars and restaurants.

Inside, you no longer tread in fear of the bank manager. The mahogany counters have become bars, swagged curtains fill the huge arched windows and the walls are hung with old prints which seem to include every bank that opened for business in the capital before 1900.

If all this is too fogeyish for your taste, walk on to the Kingsway corner of the Aldwych. That is where Bank — the latest London super-diner, seating 200 — has opened in a former NatWest, with columns painted in lurid colours and a cocktail bar as long as any in Manhattan.

Bankers always had the money to build on the best sites in town, often on prominent corners. They liked an air of permanence about their buildings and chose the finest Portland stone and granite, bronze doors and window frames — all to convey the message "your money is safe".

But the banking world is changing fast. With cash machines, telephone and TV banking taking over, different sites are needed. Trevor Fishlock of Barclays says: "Banking *is shifting* from town centres. We want to be *next to Marks & Spencer* in good retail pitches." Mike *Vertigans of NatWest agrees*: "We are piloting branches in *shopping centres with nappy-changing* facilities and coffee."

Consequently, vast numbers of old banks have been made redundant. Lloyds TSB has disposed of 400 of its 2,800 branches since 1990, and 150 more are in line for closure next year. NatWest has cut back from 3,000 to 2,000 branches in five years and will slim to 1,750 by the millennium. In Scotland, home of the Clydesdale, the Bank of Scotland and Royal Bank of Scotland, it is the same. John Hume, chief inspector for Historic Scotland, says: "There are numerous empty suburban branches as well as fine headquarters buildings in Edinburgh and Glasgow."

The question is: what will become of these often handsome buildings? In London's fashionable St James's Street, a magnificent Lloyds has stood empty for nearly a decade. At the bottom of Lower Regent Street the former premises of the bankers Cox & Co have stood empty for nearly as long.

Yet overall the picture is encouraging. Matthew Saunders, of the Ancient Monument Society, reports: "There has been an explosion of good uses for banks, from bookshops to pizza parlours. In Hull alone, I saw three conversions which could hardly be *faulted*."

The pub chain Weatherspoons was the *first and the* fastest to take on banks, giving *them such tongue-in-cheek* names as The Standing Order, *The Banker's Draft and, opening* in Glasgow next month, *The Counting House*. The company is happy to leave the *premises looking* like a bank outside. It makes the interior all the more of a surprise. "We'd willingly open a pub in a bank every day of the week. We have agents looking for sites. They're all centrally located and busy all day long," says the company's Eddie Gershon.

In Brighton, Peppers, in a former NatWest in North Street, is one of a chain of six Whitbread character pubs. The company hopes to open a hundred more. "We seat 150, open for breakfast at eight and serve food all day. We've kept the original pillars inside but split the interior into different levels," says the manager, Joss Wickson.

Others go solo. The architect Annie Duquemin works with her partner from an old Midland Bank in Nottingham. "When we took out the false ceilings we found there was enough height for a mezzanine. We've used a lot of the old fittings and put clear glass in the windows, so it's wonderfully airy, though it also feels very secure," she says. Not far away, another Midland branch has been turned into a wine shop.

The new restaurateurs like *the loftiness of banking halls*. "We have not had a single *application to demolish*. The banks don't even object when *their buildings are proposed* for listing," says Matthew *Saunders*.

The problem of vacant bank *premises is at its most severe* in central London. Paul *Velluet of English Heritage* says: "At the last count there were ten wholly vacant banking halls out of 31 in the heart of the City. In central London as a whole there are about 40 banks standing empty."

The largest group of empty banking halls is on a site at No 1 Princes Street, which NatWest is seeking to develop behind the façades. Yet round the corner NatWest is busy on a model conversion, turning the banking hall at 41 Lothbury into a public exhibition space.

Paul Velluet points to a problem. "Prestige London banks tend to have only one door onto the street. It's easy enough to find a restaurant or wine bar to take on the banking hall and use the vaults as a kitchen, but it's very difficult to get separate access to the upper floors."

A recent book, *Temples of Mammon*, shows how seriously the high street banks took their architecture from an early date. Banks chose their architects in different ways. The National Provincial gave virtually all its work between the wars to two salaried architects, F.C.R. Palmer and W.F.C. Holden. The Westminster discovered Septimus Warwick, whose designs were acclaimed at the Royal Academy, and Martin's best work was done by Darcy Braddell.

The Midland used Lutyens and was alone in building many single-storey banks, with a banking hall fronted by lofty columns and nothing above. "We are bankers, not property owners," said its architect, Alfred Gotch, who had such confidence in the impregnability of the Midland strong-rooms that he felt that there was no need for anyone to live on the premises.

Architects between the wars doubted whether there was a building that could proclaim by its very look "I am a banking establishment". Yet in the end this has been a strength. Today only the pattern of screw holes in the frieze gives a clue to the familiar name that once announced your money was safe.

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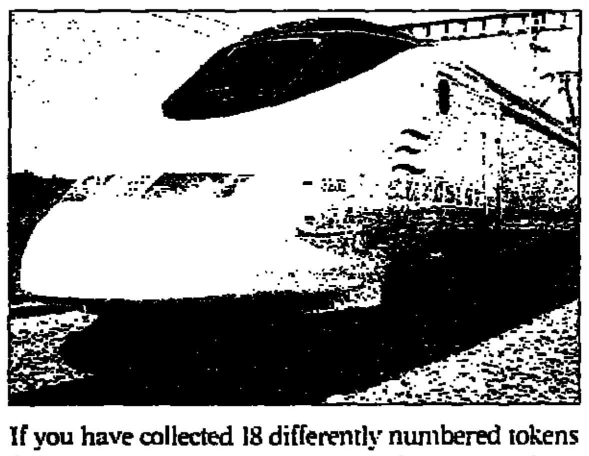

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Law Report November 20 1996 Court of Appeal

Calculating credit for time spent in custody on remand

Regina v Governor of Brockhill Prison, Ex parte Evans

Regina v Governor of Onley Young Offender Institution Rugby, Ex parte Reid

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Blofeld

[Judgment November 15]

Where concurrent sentences were imposed on a prisoner in respect of offences for which he had spent separate periods in custody on remand, the term he was required to serve would be reduced by all remand time relating to those offences, save that time could never count more than once, and not only by the specific period of remand referable to the latest sentence to expire.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when:

1 granting applications by Michele Evans and Paul Reid for leave to move for judicial review of decisions calculating their respective release dates which did not take account of all separate periods of custody on remand prior to the imposition of concurrent sentences of imprisonment on them; and

2 declaring that each applicant was entitled to release on licence, in the first case on September 17, and in the second case immediately.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Pete Wetherby for the first applicant; Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Martin Soorjoo for the second applicant; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Michael Fordham for the respondents.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that if a defendant spent time in custody awaiting trial for a single offence, and if on conviction he was sentenced to a term of custody, the term he was required to serve would be reduced by the period spent in custody before sentence, unless during that pre-sentence period he was in custody for some reason unrelated to the offence for which he was sentenced.

If he spent time in custody awaiting trial for more than one offence, and was sentenced to consecutive terms of custody on conviction, the total term he was required to serve would be reduced by the total period he spent in custody before sentence, subject to the same exception as before, at any rate so long as the period spent on remand for any offence did not exceed the period to be served of the consecutive sentence imposed for that offence.

The present applications concerned a third situation: where a defendant spent time in custody awaiting trial for more than one offence, and was on conviction sentenced to concurrent or overlapping terms of custody, to what extent was account to be taken of time spent in custody before the sentences were imposed?

In the first application, the applicant had in January 1996 been sentenced to two years imprisonment for robbery, nine months for each of two burglaries and three months for assault. All sentences were concurrent, her total sentence being two years.

In May 1995 she had been arrested for burglary and spent two days in police custody before being bailed. In June 1995 she was re-arrested and held in custody on the burglary and assault charges until August when she was bailed: that amounted to 62 days in custody. For 73 days from October 1995 until January 1996 she was remanded in custody on the robbery charge alone.

His Lordship said that on the respondent's calculation the two-year sentence was treated as one of 731 days. To calculate the date on which her sentence expired the respondent deducted the 73 days spent in custody in relation to the robbery charge, that being the longest, and in the respondent's contention the dominant sentence. On that basis the effective sentence was one of 658 days and expired on October 30, 1997.

To calculate her conditional release date, the respondent took the length of the sentence as reduced by the 73 days remand time on the robbery charge and deducted 365 days, the period of the sentence which a short-term prisoner was not obliged to serve. That yielded a total of 293 days.

The applicant accepted 731 days as the length of the sentence but sought to deduct from it 135 days, being the sum of the 62 days on remand for burglary, including the 60 days spent at the same time on the assault charge, plus the 73 days on the robbery charge, giving a total effective sentence of 596 days, yielding a sentence expiry date of August 29, 1997.

To calculate her conditional release date, deducting the 365 days which did not need to be served by a short-term prisoner, a figure of 231 days was obtained.

The essential difference between the two modes of calculation was clear.

The respondent allocated time spent in custody to the particular offence for which the applicant had been at the relevant time held in custody. Thus, since the sentences were all imposed at the same time and the longest imposed was that of two years for robbery, that period was reduced only by the 73 days spent in custody on that charge. The 62 days did not reduce the period the applicant was required to serve.

The applicant did not seek to count twice the period of 60 days when she was held for the burglary and assault charges but did claim that the 62 days for the burglary charge and the 73 for the robbery charge should be added together and deducted from the length of the total sentence. The same issue had arisen on the second application.

The respondent's approach had been called the particular approach, and that of the applicant the aggregate approach.

Relevant statutory provisions

His Lordship referred to section 33(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which required the secretary of state to release on licence a short-term prisoner, such as each applicant, after serving one half of the sentence; and to section 51(2) which required any reference, however expressed, to the term of imprisonment to which a person had been sentenced, whether consecutive or wholly or partly concurrent, to be treated as a single term.

Section 41, whereby remand time was to count towards time served, applied by subsection (1) to any person whose sentence fell to be reduced under section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 by any relevant period within the meaning of that section, and provided by subsection (2) that for purposes of determining whether a person had served one-half of his sentence the relevant period was to be treated as having been served by him as part of that sentence.

His Lordship said that both applicants were thus obliged to serve one half of their sentences but, in determining whether they had done so, the period to be served had to be treated as reduced by what section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 defined as the "relevant period".

Section 67(1A) of the 1967 Act, as amended by section 49 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, provided that "relevant period" meant: "(a) any period during which the offender was in police detention in connection with the offence for which the sentence was passed; or (b) any period during which he was in custody — (i) by reason only of having been committed to custody by an order of a court made in connection with any proceedings relating to that sentence or the offence for which it was passed..."

Section 104(2) of the 1967 Act provided that any reference, however expressed, to the term of imprisonment or other detention to which a person had been sentenced or which, or part of which, he had served, consecutive terms and wholly or partly concurrent terms were to be treated as a single term.

The argument

The respondents had contended that the particular approach was required by the language of section 67(1A)(b)(i) and its reference to a period during which an offender had been in custody "in connection with any proceedings relating to that sentence or the offence for which it was passed".

Thus, it was said, time spent in custody in connection with proceedings relating to offence A could not serve to reduce the sentence imposed for offence B. It was necessary to investigate what sentence was passed for what offence and what period was spent in custody in connection with proceedings relating to that sentence or that offence.

On that approach, sections 104(2) of the 1967 Act and 51(2) of the 1991 Act could have little or no bearing. The earlier subsection was directed to the calculation, for example, of release dates; as was the later subsection which was also directed to determining whether a person was a long-term or a short-term prisoner.

The applicants had relied on section 51(2) of the 1991 Act, alternatively section 104(2) of the 1967 Act, contending that

(i) since any reference to the term of imprisonment to which a prisoner had been sentenced, however it might be expressed, was to be understood as treating consecutive terms and wholly or partly concurrent terms as a single term; and

(ii) since, unless the contrary intention appeared, words in the singular included the plural, the sentence or sentences passed by the court and the offence or offences for which it or they were passed, had to be treated as giving rise, whether the sentences were concurrent or consecutive, to a single term, in reduction of which the whole period of pre-sentence custody, unless served for some unrelated reason, was to be set in calculating the release date.

The cases and the commentaries

The respondents had relied on four decisions of the Divisional Court, to which his Lordship referred and in which the particular approach applied to concurrent sentences had been upheld: *R v Governor of Blundeston Prison, Ex parte Gaffney* ([1982] 1 WLR 696), *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Read* ((1987) 9 Cr App R (S) 206), *R v Governor of HM Prison Styal, Ex parte Mooney* ([1996] 1 Cr App R (S) 74) and *Ex parte Woodward* and *Ex parte Wilson* (unreported, June 24, 1996, DC).

He also referred to criticism of that approach and those decisions expressed by Dr D. A. Thomas in *Criminal Law Review* ([1995] pp753-4), *Current Sentencing Practice News* (Issue 4, August 1995) and *Current Sentencing Practice News* (Issue 4, November 1996) and to the decision of the Divisional Court in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Naughton* (*The Times* September 17, 1996).

In that case, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Popplewell had agreed both as to the absurdity of the particular approach as contended for in relation to consecutive sentences and in expressing reservations as to the correctness of the decisions on concurrent sentences.

Although the facts did not there require the court to choose between the aggregate and the particular approaches, it seemed that it would have preferred the former.

Conclusions

Section 33(1) of the 1991 Act required the secretary of state to release each of the applicants after serving one-half of their sentences, the word "sentence" being interpreted in the light of section 51(2), that any reference to a term of imprisonment, however expressed, was to be treated as a single term even though made up of consecutive or wholly or partly concurrent terms.

The length of the single term for that purpose was dependent on the sentence as pronounced by the court; see section 67(4) of the 1967 Act.

In the case of consecutive sentences, the single term was plainly the total of the individual sentences ordered to be served consecutively. That was so whether the sentences were imposed on the same or different occasions.

If concurrent sentences were imposed on the same occasion, the single term would in effect be the longest of the concurrent terms because that would be the last sentence to expire.

Where concurrent sentences were imposed on different occasions they had still to be treated as a single term, but the terminal date of the sentence pronounced by the court would not necessarily be that of the longest of the concurrent terms.

It would, however, be the terminal date of the last sentence to expire, which might or might not be the longest of all the sentences.

In the case of concurrent sentences it was not, obviously, a question of adding the relevant sentences together but of seeing which expired last.

The references to "sentence" in section 41(1) and (2) of the 1991 Act had to be read subject to section 51(2). A short-term prisoner was accordingly to be treated as having served such part of the one half of his sentence he was required to serve as was to be regarded as a "relevant part" of that sentence as defined in section 67(1A) of the 1967 Act.

For present purposes there appeared to be no practical distinction between police detention in section 67(1A)(a) and custody in paragraph (b). It seemed clear, as was held in *Ex parte Naughton*, that "only" in paragraph (b)(i) was intended to preclude any account being taken of periods in custody unrelated to the offence or offences for which the relevant sentence or sentences were passed.

Sections 51(2) and 104(2), as the court read those provisions, focused attention on the overall term ordered to be served as distinct from the terms, whether consecutive or concurrent, which contributed to or went to make up that overall term.

On that construction it would, at first blush, seem illogical and inconsistent to revert to consideration of the individual sentences contributing to or making up the overall term in order to determine what period of custody on remand was to be set against each.

The argument for doing so essentially rested on the singular language in section 67(1A). But by section 6(c) of the Interpretation Act 1978 words in the singular included the plural unless the contrary intention appeared.

Since section 67(1A) applied to single as well as multiple sentences there was good reason to use the singular. In the court's judgment a contrary intention did not appear. Logic and consistency supported application of the statutory rule of interpretation. Considerations of justice pointed in the same direction.

Time spent in custody in relation to any of the offences for which sentence was passed should serve to reduce the term to be served, subject always to the condition that time could never be counted more than once.

The court accepted unreservedly that it should not depart from previous Divisional Court decisions unless satisfied that they were wrong. Its reluctance was the greater when, as in the present case, the authorities had rightly founded their practice on those decisions.

The court was, however, of the clear opinion that the construction previously put on the legislative provisions under review in the present case was wrong and that that construction was capable of producing, and in some of the decided cases had produced injustice.

Although differing with diffidence from the clear view expressed by Mr Justice Curtis in *Ex parte Mooney* ([1996] 1 Cr App R 74, 78), in the collective experience of the present court it had not been the practice of sentencing judges to take account of the particular approach upheld in *Ex parte Gaffney* when passing sentence.

The court had been referred to no reported case in which a judge had adopted that practice, nor had any member of the present constitution done so. In one of the instant cases, sentence had been passed in the judge's belief and with his intention that the defendant would be released very shortly.

At the time of passing sentence the information necessary to decide, in applying the particular approach, what periods of pre-sentence custody would or would not be taken into account would by no means always be available to the sentencing judge.

It had, in the court's experience, been the practice to assume that all periods of custody before sentence, other than custody wholly unrelated to the offences for which sentence was passed, would count against the period of the sentence to be served.

The principle that a prisoner's release date should be beyond dispute and that the provsions governing it should be easy to apply was of great importance for reasons both of fairness and good administration.

It was not, on any showing, a test which the present provisions met. They were not clear to the courts, or the legal professon or prisoners, or, it seemed, to the prison authorities. They were certainly not simple.

It appeared that defendants were remaining in prison when the sentencing court did not intend that they should.

The Law Commission had described it as an important feature of any criminal justice system that sentencing provisions should be accessible and comprehensible and had recommended the enactment of a comprehensive statutory consolidation of sentencing provisions.

Dr Thomas in August 1995 and the Divisional Court in June 1996 drew attention to the urgent need for such a statute. The court hoped that that might be seen as a task commanding a high degree of priority.

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County court cannot stay possession order pending High Court hearing

Cheltenham and Gloucester plc v Krausz and Another

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment October 22]

The county court had no jurisdiction to suspend a warrant for a possession of mortgaged property in order to enable the borrower to apply to the High Court for an order for sale of the property under section 91(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Cheltenham and Gloucester plc against an order of Judge Green in Shoreditch County Court staying execution on a warrant for possession of a property mortgaged to it by the defendants, Aaron Krausz and Rebecca Josephine Krausz, pending an application to the High Court under section 91(2).

Ms Kathryn Purkis for the plaintiff; Mr H. J. Smith for the second defendant; the first defendant was not represented and did not appear.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that *Palk v Mortgage Services Funding plc* ([1993] Ch 330) established for the first time that the court had power under section 91(2) to make an order for sale on the application of a borrower notwithstanding that the proceeds of sale would be insufficient to discharge the mortgage debt.

The lenders had obtained an order for possession with the intention, not of proceeding to sale, but of waiting in the hope that the market might improve. The borrower wanted the property sold so as to reduce the mortgage debt on which interest was accruing at an alarming rate.

The court held that, as the lenders could buy the property themselves if they wished to speculate on an increase in its value, the property should be sold.

In *Barrett v Halifax Building Society* ((1995) 28 HLR 634) the situation was one of negative equity. The lenders resisted the borrowers' application for an order for sale pursuant to section 91.

The lenders did not contend that they would be able to obtain a better price but urged that if the sale went ahead it would break their established policy not to permit borrowers with negative equity themselves to conduct the sale of their property without at the same time making proposals for the repayment of any resulting deficit.

The judge had held that that was not a material circumstance which he ought to take into account when exercising his discretion.

The consequences of the procedure followed in *Barrett* appeared to be far reaching. In any case in which there was negative equity it would be open to the borrower to resist an order for possession on the ground that he wished to obtain a better price by remaining in possession and selling the property himself.

In not every case would the primary motive for such an application be the wish to obtain a better price than that which the lender was likely to obtain on a forced sale. Often the borrower would be anxious to postpone the evil day when he had to leave his home.

There would be a danger, if the lender did not obtain possession, that the borrower would delay the realisation of the property by seeking too high a price or deliberately procrastinating on completion.

At present there was a simple procedure for seeking possession in the county court and the issue tended to be whether there were arrears and whether the borrower was likely to be able to discharge those in reasonable time.

If possession was to be suspended whenever that appeared reasonable in order to give borrowers the opportunity to sell the property themselves, the courts were going to have to enter into an area of difficult factual inquiry in order to decide in the individual case whether or not that course would be to the common benefit of mortgagor and mortgagee.

Furthermore there would be obvious practical difficulties for lenders in monitoring the negotiations of borrowers who were permitted time to market their properties.

For those reasons it seemed that the procedure followed in *Barrett* tended fundamentally to undermine the value of the lender's entitlement to possession.

The right of the lender to enter into possession of the mortgaged property was one which the common law protected strictly. The rigours of the common law in that respect were mitigated by section 36 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970, later amended by section 8(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1973.

The effect of section 36, as amended, on the power to suspend possession was as follows:

1 The power could be exercised to enable the borrower to pay off instalment arrears due under the mortgage agreement from sources other than the sale of the mortgaged property, but

2 if the borrower intended to sell the mortgaged property to provide the source of payment, the court had to be satisfied that the proceeds would be sufficient to discharge the entirety of the mortgage debt.

Before the decision in *Palk* it seemed that section 36 and section 91 were complementary. An application under section 91 would only be contemplated where the proceeds of sale were expected to exceed the mortgage debt. In those circumstances section 36 gave the court power to suspend possession to enable an application for sale under section 91 to be made.

It was, however, quite clear that section 36 did not empower the court to suspend possession in order to permit the mortgagor to sell the mortgaged premises where the proceeds of sale would not suffice to discharge the mortgage debt, unless of course other funds would be available to the borrower to make up the shortfall.

A borrower seeking relief in the circumstances of *Palk* was thus unable to invoke any statutory power to suspend the lender's right to enter possession.

The specific delimitation of the power given by section 36 made it clear that the legislation did not intend that the court should have any wider jurisdiction to curtail the lender's right to possession. That right enabled the lender to exercise his power of sale in the manner he chose and in the confidence that he could offer a purchaser vacant possession.

Section 36 circumscribed that right where the proceeds of sale were likely to discharge the mortgage debt. It did not do so where the mortgage debt would not be fully discharged and it was in those circumstances that the lender's rights were of particular importance.

It was questionable whether the principle of the inherent jurisdiction of the court could justify the court in exercising its power to order a sale of mortgaged property under section 91 in circumstances where the lender was seeking to enter into possession in order to sell property in which there was negative equity and where the sole object with which the borrower sought that order was to prevent the lender exercising his right to possession so that the mortgagor could negotiate his own sale while in possession.

Even if one assumed that the Chancery court had power to order sale of mortgaged property on terms that displaced the lender's right to possession, it did not follow that the county court, as part of its inherent jurisdiction, could properly suspend an order or warrant for possession in order to enable a borrower to apply to the High Court for an order under section 91.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT, concurring, said that *Palk* established that where the lender had no wish to realise its security in the foreseeable future the borrower might obtain an order for sale even though the proceeds of sale would be insufficient to discharge the mortgage debt.

It did not support the making of such an order where the lender was taking active steps to obtain possession and enforce its security by sale.

Still less did it support the giving of the conduct of the sale to the borrower in a case where there was negative equity and the lender was likely to have the greater incentive to obtain the best price and the quickest sale.

Both those steps were taken in *Barrett* and his Lordship had serious doubts whether that case was rightly decided. In fairness to the judge it did not appear to have been argued as a matter of principle: the borrower's application was resisted on purely pragmatic grounds and somewhat feeble ones at that.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

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Power to stay possession until lender sells property

Cheltenham and Gloucester plc v Booker and Another

Before Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Potter

[Judgment November 14]

The county court had jurisdiction to give the conduct of a sale of a property to a mortgagee while postponing the execution of a warrant for possession until completion of the sale, although the circumstances in which such a course would be appropriate were hard to envisage.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff lender, Cheltenham and Gloucester plc, against the order of Judge Mitchell at Stoke on Trent County Court on April 30, 1996 postponing execution of a warrant for possession of a property against the defendant borrowers, Robert and Susan Booker, but giving the plaintiff conduct of the sale of the property. The court directed that the warrant for possession could be executed immediately.

Ms Elizabeth Ovey for the plaintiff; the defendants did not appear.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the issue was whether the court had jurisdiction, and if so in what circumstances should it exercise such jurisdiction, to give conduct of a sale to a lender while postponing the execution of the warrant for possession until completion of the sale.

The plaintiff said that there were three questions of principle:

1 Where the power to suspend execution given by section 36(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1970 could not be exercised because it did not appear to the court that the requirements of section 36(1) of that Act, read in conjunction with section 8 of the Administration of Justice Act 1973, were satisfied, or where the court decided in the exercise of its discretion that the power should not be exercised, did the county court nevertheless have a residual inherent jurisdiction to suspend execution of a warrant for possession?

2 If it had such a jurisdiction, could that jurisdiction be exercised to suspend execution for an indeterminate period?

3 Was it in principle appropriate to suspend execution pending sale when the conduct of the sale was entrusted to the lender rather than to the borrower?

According to *Birmingham Citizens Permanent Building Society v Caunt* ([1962] Ch 883, 912) and *Royal Trust Co of Canada v Markham* ([1975] 1 WLR 1416, 1420) there was a strictly limited residual jurisdiction to postpone the giving of possession to the lender for a short period in order to enable the property to be sold by the borrower.

If so, it was difficult to deny the existence, at least in theory, of a similar jurisdiction to defer the giving of possession in order to enable the property to be sold by the lender.

If the court was satisfied:

(a) that possession would not be required by the lender pending completion of the sale but only by the purchasers on completion;

(b) that the presence of the borrowers pending completion would enhance, or at least not depress, the sale price;

(c) that the borrowers would cooperate in the sale; and

(d) that they would give possession to the purchasers on completion

there was no reason in principle why the court should accede to the lender's insistence on immediate possession prior to sale.

However, experience showed that those conditions were seldom likely to be satisfied and the jurisdiction should be exercised sparingly and with great caution. If they existed the court was likely to have entrusted the conduct of the sale to the borrower.

Indeed, there was an inherent illogicality in entrusting conduct of the sale to the lender and leaving the borrower in possession pending completion.

The obtaining of possession was part of the necessary arrangements for sale and the party having conduct of the sale ought normally to have the right to decide when possession should be obtained from those in occupation.

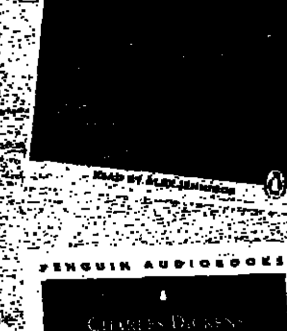
Accordingly, while his Lordship would not hold that the court had no jurisdiction to make an order of the kind made by the judge, he found it difficult to envisage circumstances in which it would be appropriate. Such an order should certainly be a rarity, and only if the necessary conditions were satisfied.

The judge had said that he had made the order so that the plaintiff could realise the security at the best possible price by an early sale of the property and that the highest price would be achieved in the event of total cooperation by the defendants while they remained in possession.

In fact the evidence showed that the defendants were unlikely in the extreme to cooperate with the plaintiff and the order had not been appropriate in those circumstances.

Lord Justice Potter agreed.

Solicitors: Church Adams Tatham.



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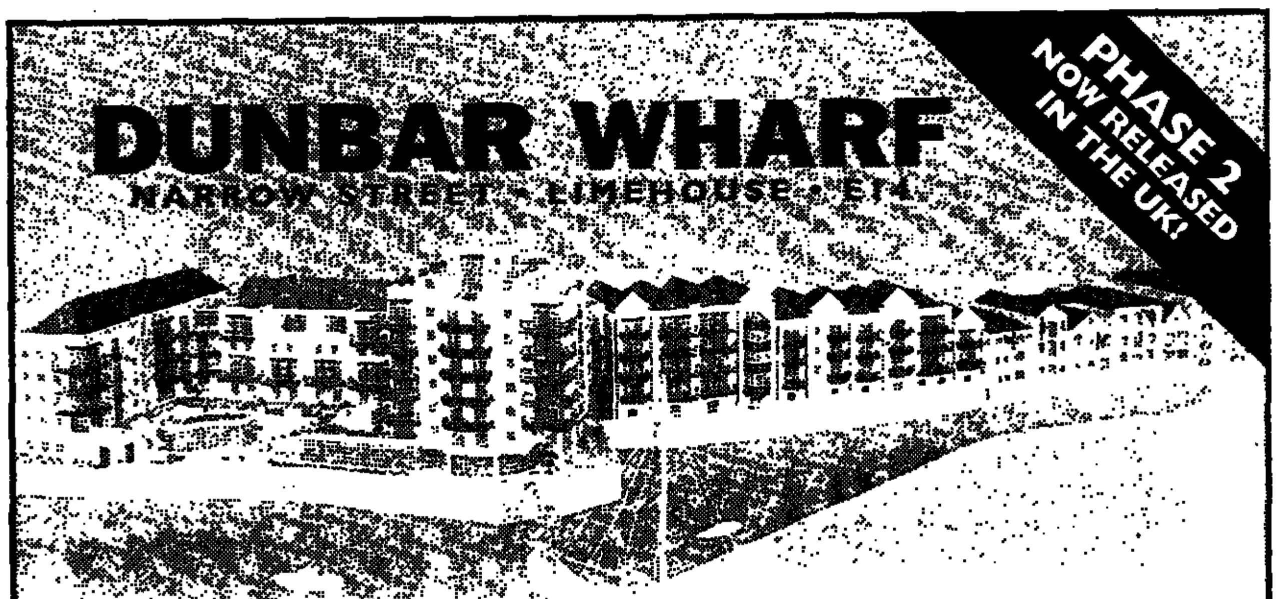

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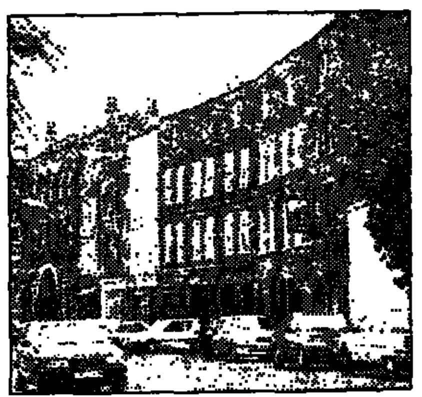

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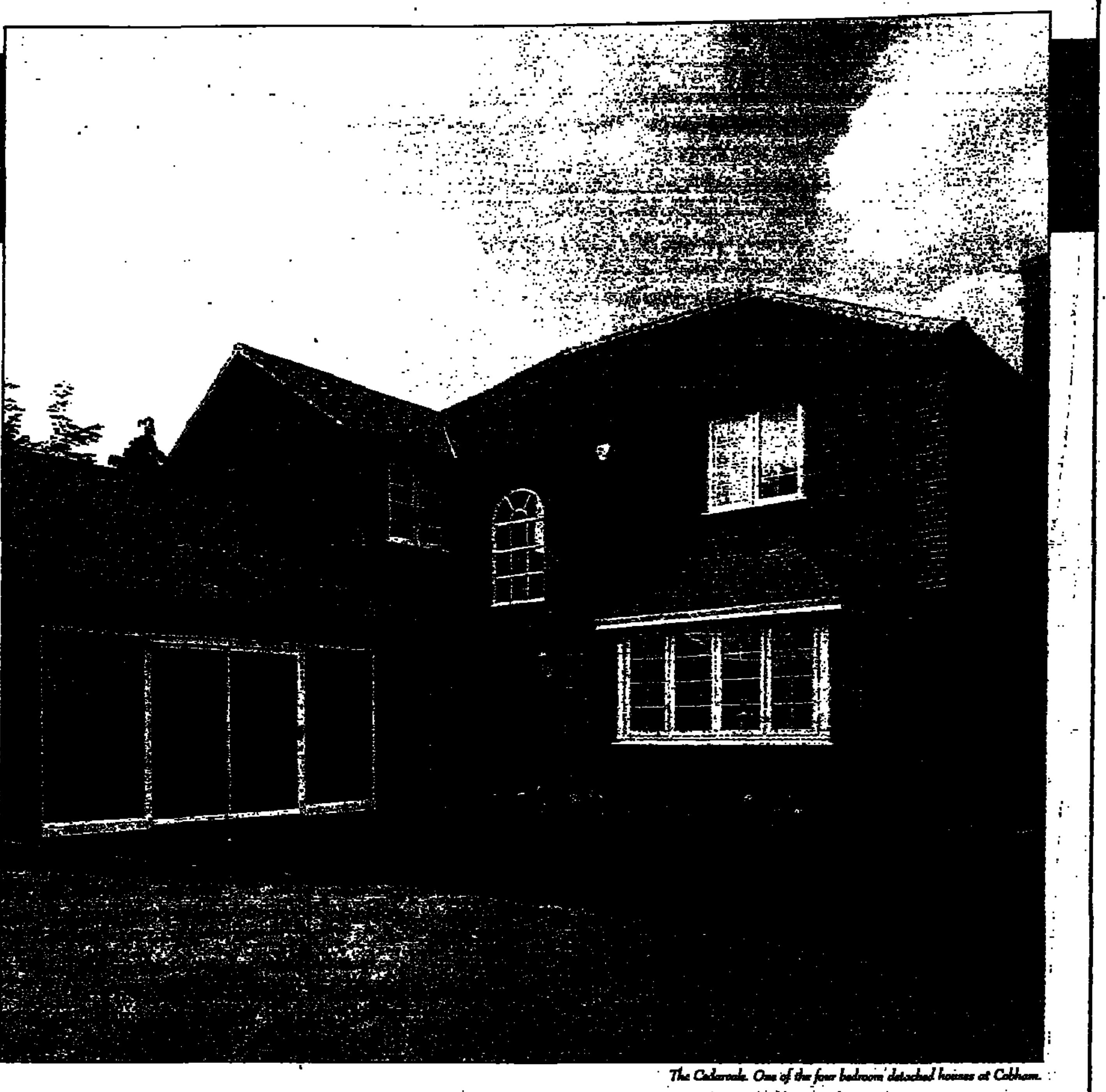

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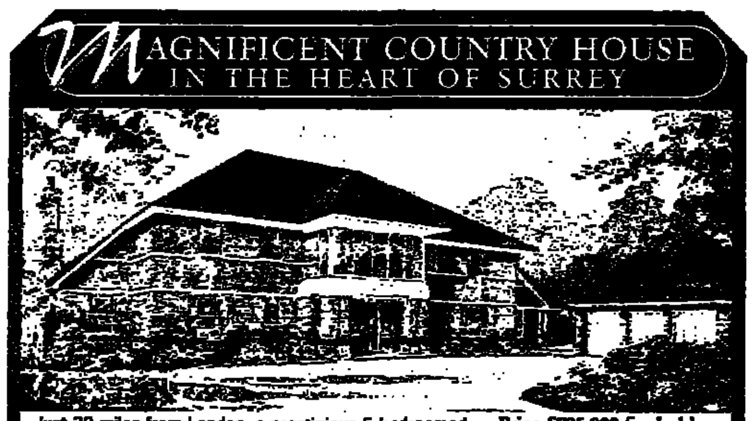

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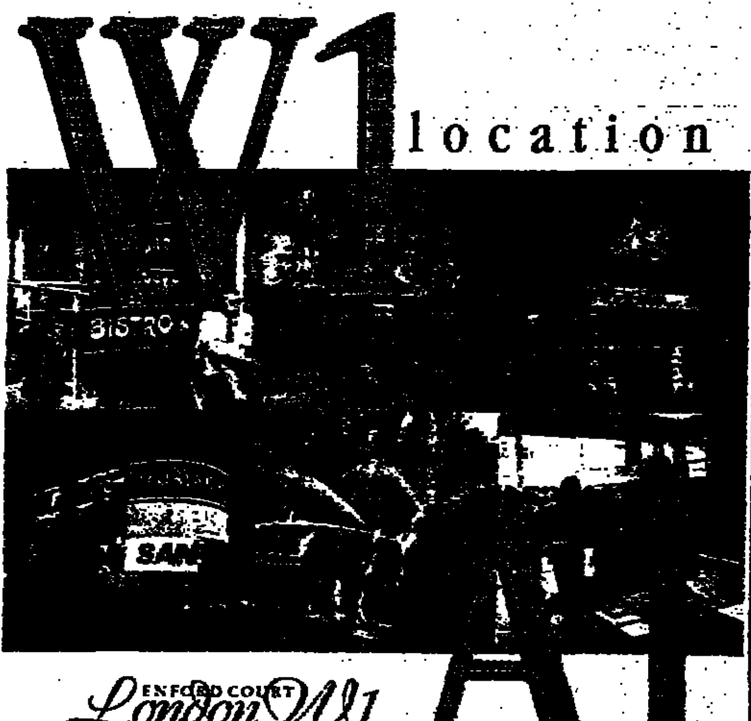

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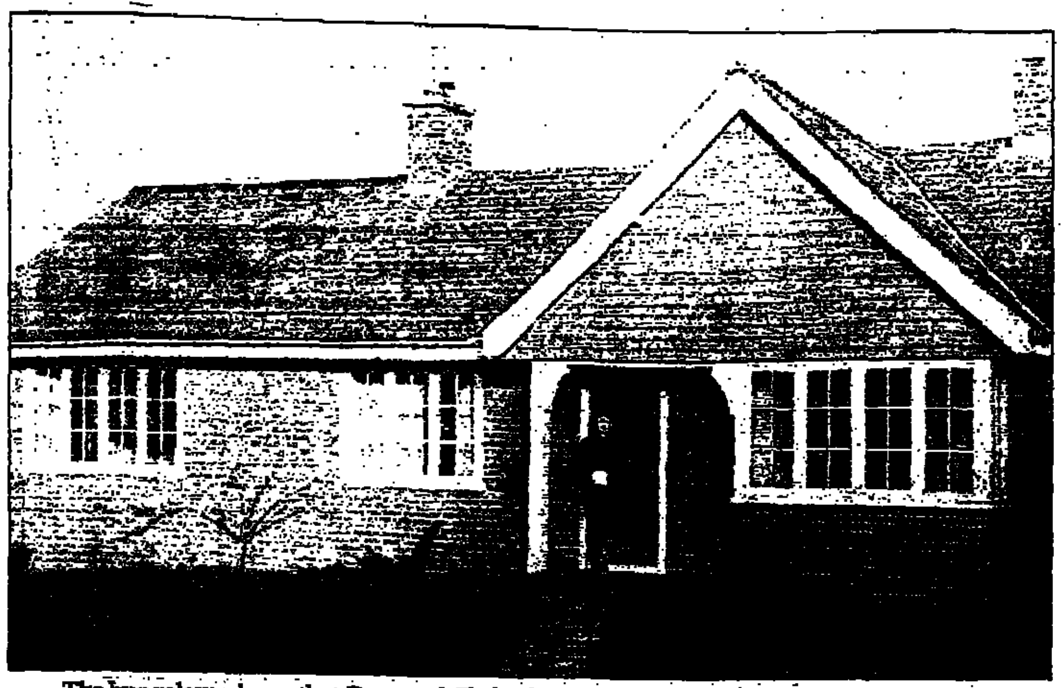

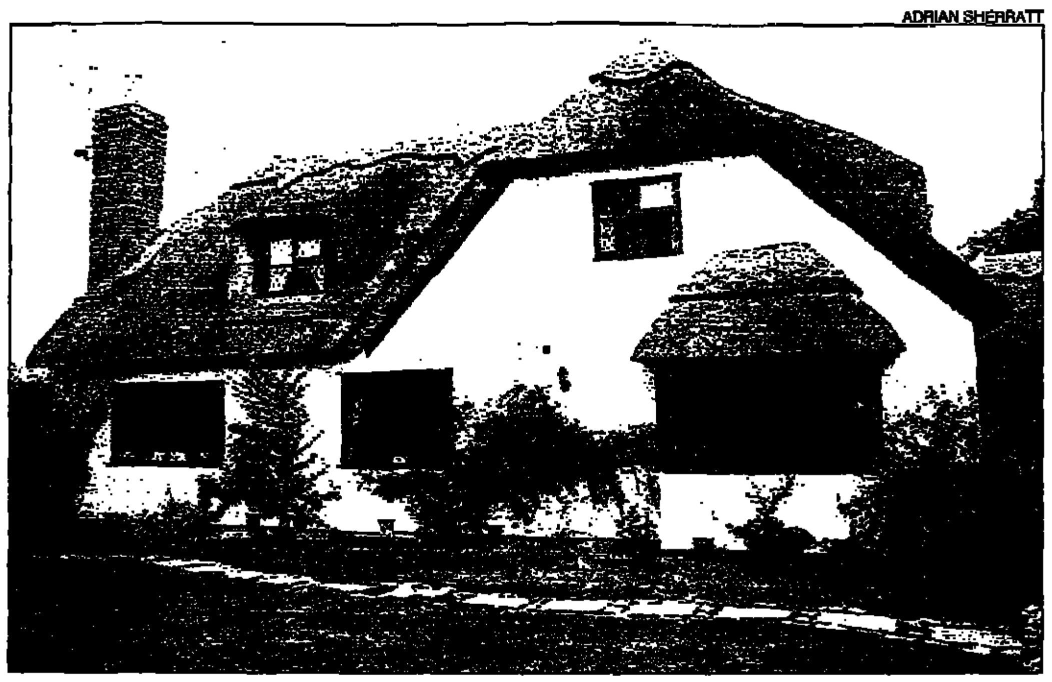

The bungalow, above, that Dave and Chris Simmons bought was the wrong property in the right place. Eleven years, £62,000 and many sleepless nights later, the transformation, right, is complete

Dull bricks to a thatched dream

Now you see a plain 1920s bungalow; now a magnificent chocolate-box thatched cottage. It is hard to believe the one could ever be transformed into the other. Yet Dave Simmons and his wife Chris achieved it.

The couple began work four years ago on their unprepossessing bungalow at Tippens Wood in Berkshire with the aim of raising the roof to create space for a new master bedroom and a spare room.

They had bought the bungalow in 1985 for its 34 acres of woodland, rather than out of love for the property itself.

"Buy a house's location, not the *actual house*," says 49-year-old Mr Simmons. "With enough time and ambition, you can change the house."

For years Mr and Mrs Simmons, who run their own engineering business, had squirrelled away architectural sketches and ideas — mostly from *House Beautiful* magazine — for transforming their home into the thatched cottage of their dreams. But they had to postpone starting work until it was financially viable for them.

During the winter of 1991-92, they worked out what it would cost to remortgage the property for £50,000, and produced a schedule of work for Wokingham District Council. Then one day the following summer, they finally donned their hard hats and made a start.

The couple are both keen on DIY — just as well, because their budget allowed only for the cost of hiring a plasterer, a bricklayer and a thatcher. Mr Simmons turned plumber and rewiring expert with the help of a *Readers' Digest* manual and a few precautionary calls to the local electrician. Mrs Simmons became a dab hand with a paintbrush.

Mrs Simmons, 48, says: "I am a self-confessed DIY addict who rarely watches television, preferring to scout around the house for jobs to do. Part of the reason for leaving our previous house was that I was bored with having nothing to do."

When planning the extension, they wanted to make use of their experience of living in the property — how the light fell on it at different times of day, for instance. So they drew the designs for an extension and a second floor themselves.

At first, thatched roofs were not a part of their plans. "We thought we would be more likely to get planning permission for a tiled roof with bedrooms in the space below," Mrs Simmons says. "But the council objected, because the roof would have been too high for a conservation area. They were more likely to agree to a thatched roof — which we had always wanted but never dared to ask for — because it was more in keeping with the local countryside."

Thatch requires a steep pitch to allow rainwater to run off it, so most modern buildings need to have timber trusses added to them to give a greater slope.

Thatched cottages are relatively few in number in Berkshire, but the Simmonses managed to find a thatcher called Geoff Sharp, who spent nine weeks providing them with the roof they wanted. It is made of Norfolk Reed, which costs £6.50 a square foot but cannot be removed by birds, and so need not be covered with netting.

The DIY enthusiasts relax in the living room they designed

Opting for a tiled roof would have saved them £10,000. But they decided that for the sake of creating their dream home, it would be too much of a compromise.

"We did not even bother to get a quote for tiles," Mr Simmons says. "It might have put us off. If you want a Rolls-Royce, don't ask how much a Mini costs. It will only depress you."

To keep costs minimal, they planned to retain the shell of the bungalow and remain *in situ* while the conversion was built. But builders advised them that the roof would have to be completely removed.

The summer weather betrayed them. "The very afternoon we took the roof off, the heavens opened and the rain came pouring in all over the furniture, fusing the lights," recalls Mr Simmons. "We and our three dogs, and one of our sons, had to move into a caravan until the October."

The pair enlisted the help of their two sons, 21-year-old Brynly and Karl, 24, whose expertise in woodwork proved invaluable when he built a galleried staircase to the new second floor. The house also boasts a central porch carved from the remains of a Victorian summerhouse.

For the Simmonses, the greatest pleasure has come from doing the work themselves.

"It is a matter of being in the right frame of mind," says Mr Simmons. "We did it for the satisfaction, not the money."

The bungalow originally cost £172,000. The Simmonses reckon that they have spent £62,000 transforming it — £12,000 more than they budgeted for, but about half what it would have cost to use builders. They believe the house is now worth about £500,000.

Did they ever contemplate abandoning the project? "You cannot ever think that way," says Mr Simmons. "You get to a point of no return when the house is half-finished and no one will buy it. If you begin to doubt then, it could defeat you."

Mrs Simmons is equally insistent. "I never want to leave," she says. "My sons put so much effort into it. It was a family effort and it is a family house."

● *Additional research by Chris Porter.*

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Only the old want mod cons

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The estate agents report that wooden windows and front doors, wooden flooring and wood-burning stoves are among the features they look for. As buyers get older, the demand for traditional features such as cornicing and dado rails decreases. Older buyers are far more likely to want UPVC doors and windows, and are more enthusiastic about fitted "mod cons" such as microwave ovens and waste-disposal units.

Savills asked 2,000 people who had just bought new homes what they were looking for. The agency's Richard Donnell says: "Builders should recognise that for a small cost and by doing very simple things, they can make the houses they are offering much more attractive to buyers."

In an age of bespoke housing, buyers know what they want. And more often than not, says David Mote of the House Builders Federation, builders comply. "Buyers of new-build homes are a more discerning breed," he says. "The stereotype is that they are lazy and want a new house ready to live in. This is not true. They want a house, with the essentials, that they can then use as a blank canvas."

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Richard Donnell says that most buyers' demands are relatively simple. In the Savills survey, for instance, 77 per cent of buyers thought that one of the most essential features in a new home was double power sockets in the kitchen.

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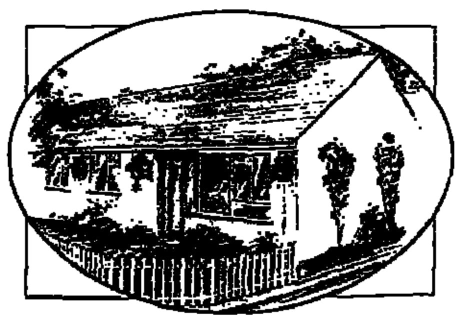

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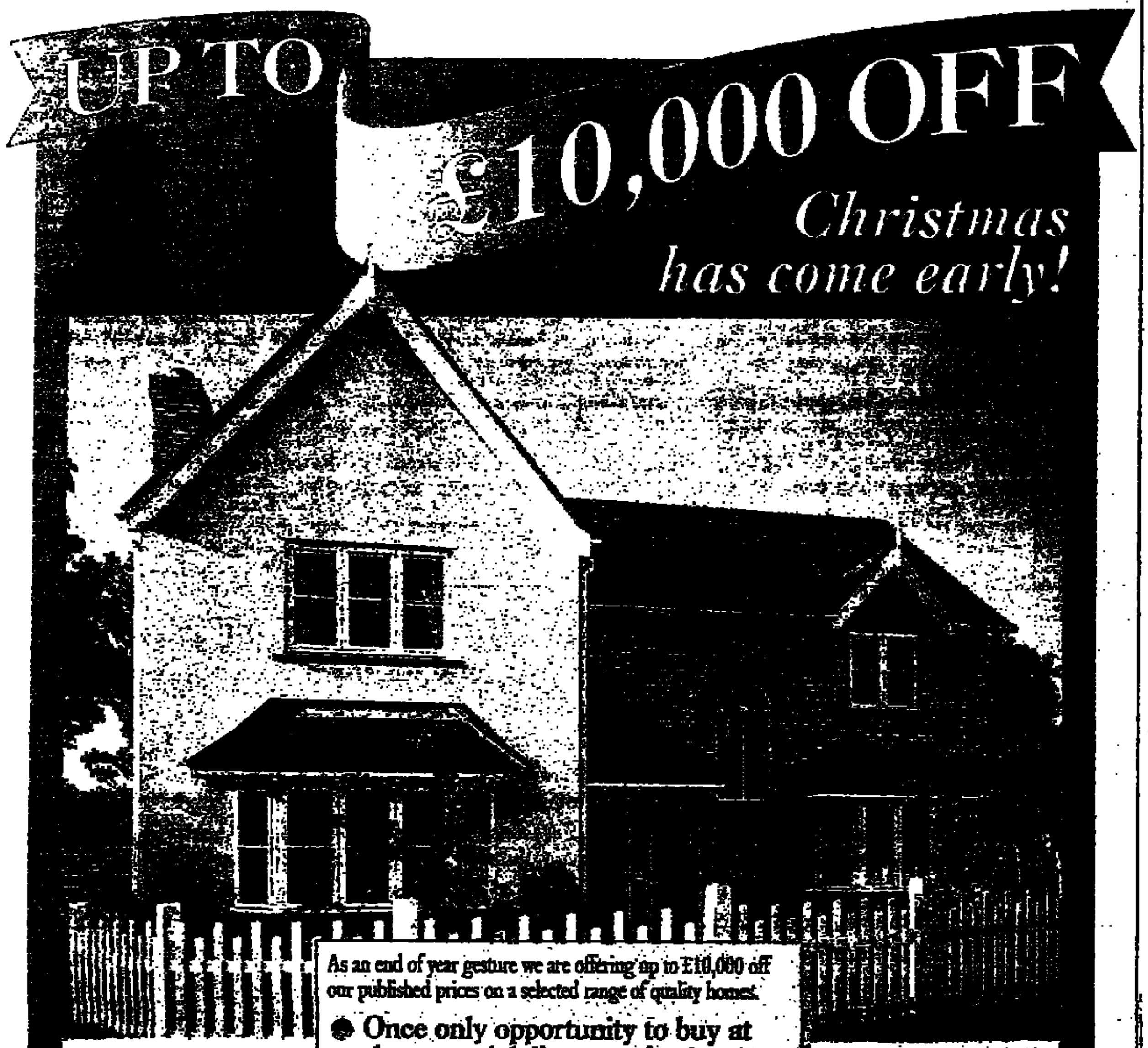

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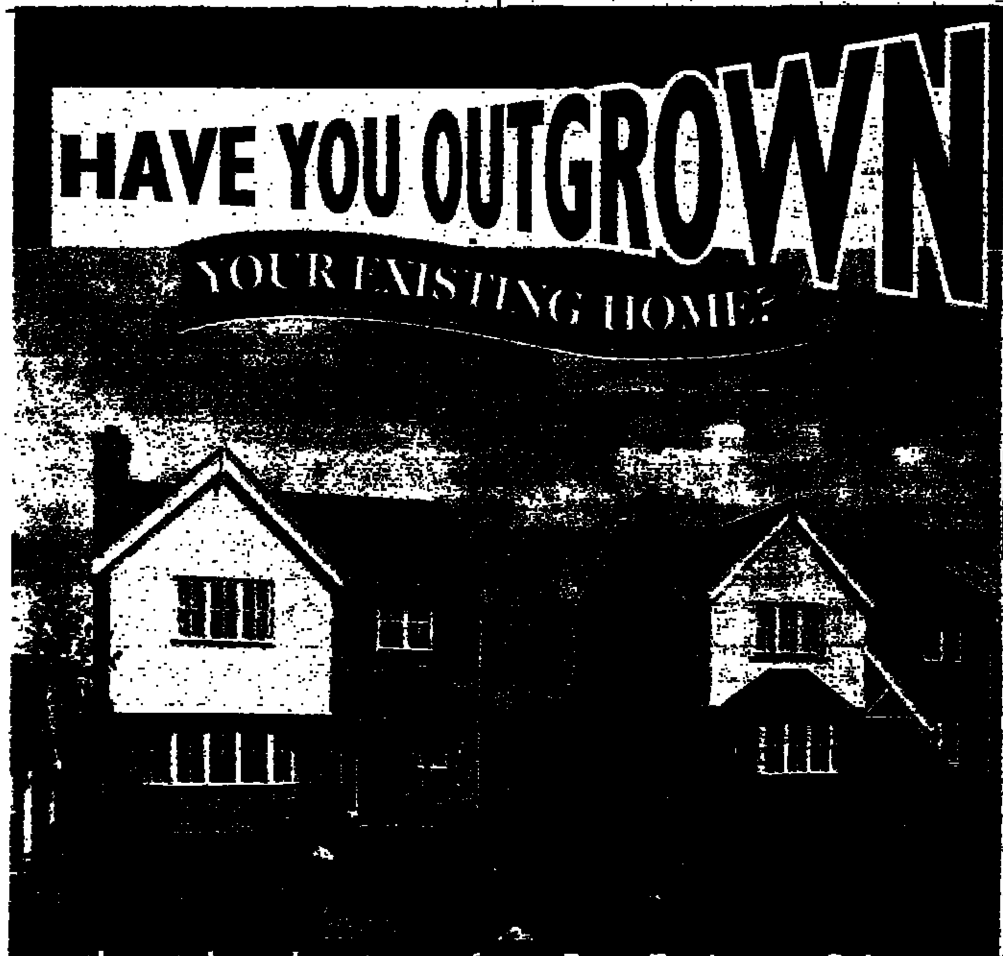

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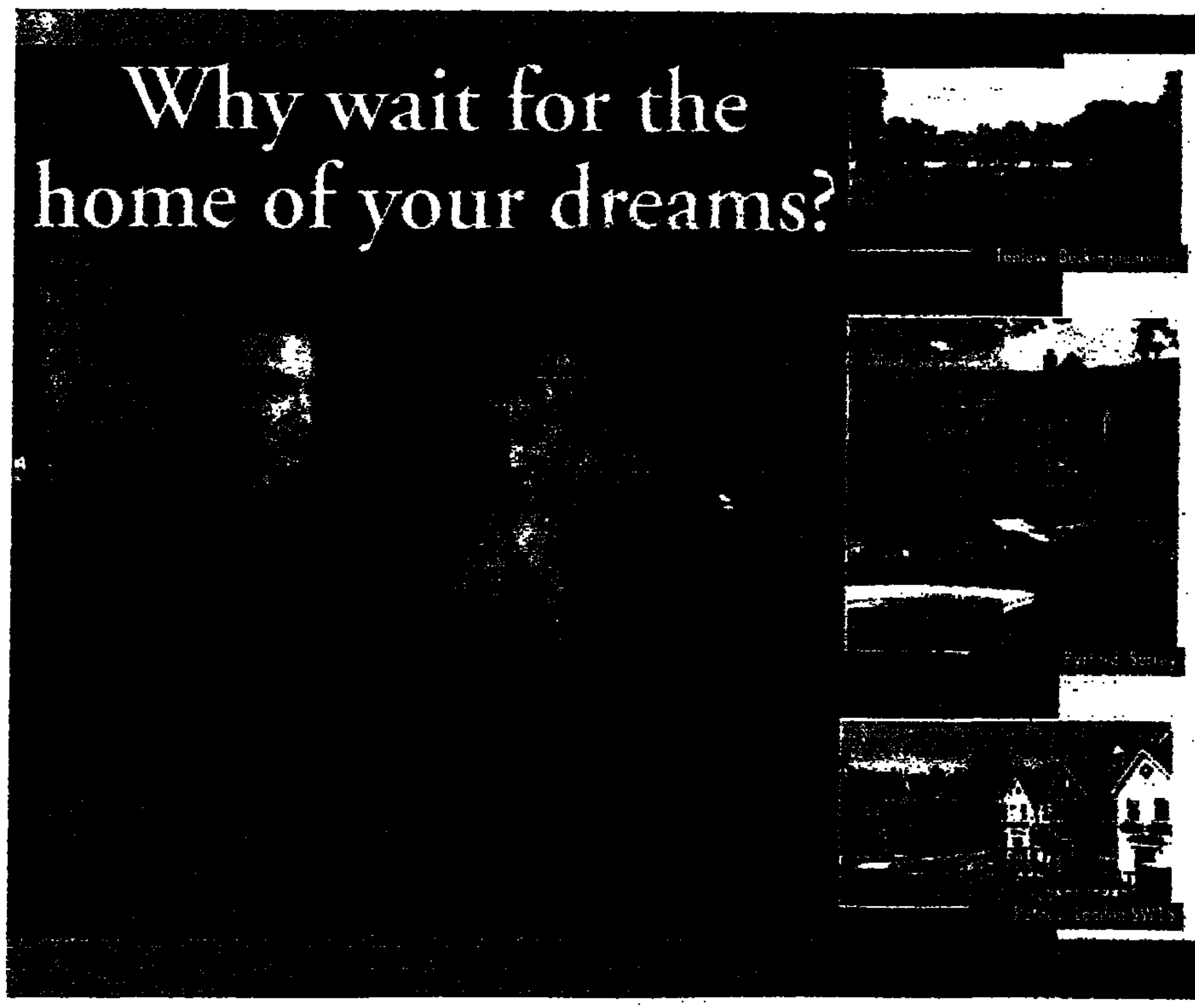

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BHB acts to protect popularity of National

By Julian Muscat

RACING'S rulers have taken steps to protect the popularity of the Martell Grand National by widening the parameters which entitle horses to contest the Aintree spectacular.

In an effort to counter last year's disappointing entry, when 27 horses from a maximum field of 40 faced the starter, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) has lowered the minimum rating qualification and increased the burden carried by the topweight. The latter condition will also apply in all handicaps of 3½ miles and beyond.

From January 1, the best horse entered for such handicaps will be allocated 12st, as opposed to 11st 10lb. And should the weights require raising due to defections, the topweight will carry 11st 10lb, as opposed to 11st 7lb. At the other end of the handicap, the minimum qualification for entry has been reduced by 10lb to include horses officially assessed at 110.

These subtle but important changes to the Grand National conditions should increase field sizes in two respects. The greater weight assigned to the highest-rated horse will allow more horses to run off their proper handicap rating, in the process making the race more competitive. And the lowering of the minimum standard makes more horses eligible for entry.

Charles Barnett, managing director at Aintree, said yesterday: "Our objective is to attract class horses while at the same time producing a field as close as possible to the safety factor of 40." The measures have become necessary on account of dramatic changes to the National's profile in recent years.

The softening of Aintree's once-formidable obstacles has encouraged connections of the best steeplechasers to target the race. This has forced more and more horses to compete from out of the handicap, particularly as the sport has witnessed a steep decline in the number of high-class chasers. John Smee, an executive from the BHB's race-planning department, estimated that the average rating attained by chasers over the last five years has regressed by 15lb.

Overall, 299 chasers qualified for entry to last season's Grand National. The effect of lowering the minimum rating by 10lb would have made a further 163 chasers eligible. The minimum rating was introduced six years ago after the fate of horses totally unsuited to the demands of Aintree effectively brought the race into disrepute.

Barnett said yesterday: "These safeguards must be maintained. The new rating still protects this objective while offering more National types the chance of entering." The industry-wide belief was that the minimum rating had been pitched too high; Killeshin, who won the Foxhunters' Chase over the National fences in 1995, was prevented from contesting this year's National when he narrowly failed to attain the official standard.

Prize-money for the Grand National on April 5 has been raised to an estimated value of £300,000. Over £830,000 will be on offer over the fixture. Martell, whose Grand National backing won the International Sponsorship of Sport award at the inaugural convention in Geneva last month, will inject close to £500,000 into the three-day meeting.

Rough Quest, who prevailed over Encore Un Peu in a tense finish seven months ago, again has the 4½-mile chase on his agenda. Terry Casey, who trains the horse, said yesterday: "Rough Quest's targets for the season are the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National. Before that, we hope to run him in the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day."

Casey plans to run Rough Quest, who sustained minor tendon damage last month, at Cheltenham on December 13. "That looks the logical place to start the season," he said, "but he won't go unless we are totally satisfied with him. We are not obsessed by the King George." He added he would be happy to saddle Rough Quest at Aintree if the ten-year-old was allocated the new maximum impost of 12st.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Last season's Martell Grand National winner, Rough Quest, poses with his trainer, Terry Casey, left, and owner, Andrew Wates, right

Nap: UNGUIDED MISSILE
(2.10 Haydock Park)
Next best: Queen Of Spades
(1.10 Haydock Park)

Full service expected to be resumed today

HOPES are high that normal service can be resumed today despite the first cold snap of the winter. Each of the three tracks scheduled to race has missed the worst of the weather, which made yesterday's Wetherby card the first casualty of the National Hunt season.

No problems are expected at Haydock, which sees the reappearance of last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup third, Couldnt Be Better, in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase. "There is sleet about and it is thoroughly unpleasant but we have had no snow and no frost," Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, said.

Conditions are similar at Hereford, where the clerk of the course, John Williams, said: "We had a bare covering of snow but it went in ten minutes. There should be no problems in the slightest."

At Kempton a course spokesman explained: "We had quite a bit of snow but nothing settled because it was raining too. No inspection is planned."

However, Charlie Brooks is taking no chances over a prep race for his Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup hope, Suny Bay, whom he has declared for both the Limber Hill Chase at Kempton and the Edward Hanmer at Haydock. A spokeswoman for Brooks explained: "The first preference for Suny Bay is Kempton, but just in case Kempton is off, his second preference is at Haydock."

Wetherby was called off because of heavy snow just before the first race yesterday, with the northern jockeys' safety officer, Mark Dwyer, saying: "The abandonment was a formality."

THUNDERER

1.10 Marello
1.40 SAINT CIEL (nap)
2.10 Couldnt Be Better
2.40 Turnpole
3.10 Spanish Light
3.40 Country Store

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.10 NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS POLICE MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,885: 2m) (11 runners)

1 14/12-1 QUEEN OF SPADES 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Vaughan) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 C Llewellyn ⊞
2 0401 ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 13F (G) (Mrs P Hewitt) A Bailey 7-10-7 T Kent –
3 3/4 BRIDLED TERN 14 (Yorkshire Racing Club Owners Group) J Jefferson 5-10-7 M Dwyer –
4 0 CLUBURNEL NEWS 14 (T Forbes) A Forbes 6-10-7 T Eley –
5 11-1 MARELLO 14 (G,S) (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-7 P Niven –
6 MEESONETTE 706F (Miss A Strangeways) B Ellison 4-10-7 B Harding –
7 0000U MISS MONT 568 (Mrs K Holliday) F Murtagh 7-10-7 R Hodge –
8 F-6 PROMISE TO TRY 12 (M Barnes) M Barnes 4-10-7 S Taylor (5) –
9 PRUSSIAN EAGLE (Mrs C Dealers) M Bradstock 4-10-7 G Bradley –
10 5- SCALLY HICKS 207 (T Walker) B Baugh 5-10-7 Gary Lyons –
11 0-0 SLOE BRANDY 32 (Mrs J Carrington) Mrs H Walton 6-10-7 Mr A Walton –

BETTING: Evens Queen Of Spades, 6-4 Marello, 10-1 Anglesey Sea View, 12-1 Bridled Tern, 20-1 others.

1995: QUEENS CONSUL 5-10-12 R Supple (4-6 fav) B Rothwell 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUEEN OF SPADES beat Endowment 18l in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). ANGLESEY SEA VIEW beat Coole Hill 1½l in National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good). MARELLO beat Country Orchid 3¼l in National Hunt Flat race at here (2m, good) with BRIDLED TERN (10lb worse off) short-head and 1l 4th.
Selection: QUEEN OF SPADES

1.40 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,759: 2m) (7 runners)

1 23350-6 HOLDERS HILL 19 (D,G) (C Whatley) M Meagher 4-12-0 L Wyer ⊞
2 0/525FP- EUROTWIST 13F (D,G,S) (Uncle Jacks Pub) S Kettlewell 7-11-13 G Lee (3) 90
3 0153-14 DESERT FIGHTER 18 (D,F) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-12 P Niven 90
4 21065-2 SAINT CIEL 14 (CD,G,S) (Tam Racing) F Jordan 8-11-6 R Supple 92
5 P106/P5- NASHVILLE STAR 361 (V,D,F,G) (R Mathew) R Mathew 5-11-1 R Bellamy –
6 254101- CIRCUS LINE 240 (D,S) (Mrs P Hadley) M W Easterby 5-10-10 M Dwyer 89
7 222600- INNOCENT GEORGE 312 (F,G) (E Wilkin) Miss L Siddall 7-10-9 R Dunwoody 85

BETTING: 11-4 Desert Fighter, 3-1 Saint Ciel, 4-1 Circus Line, 6-1 Holders Hill, 8-1 Eurotwist, 10-1 others.

1995: THORNTON GATE 6-11-5 L Wyer (Evens fav) M Easterby 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOLDERS HILL 14¾l 6th of 7 to El Don in juvenile novices' handicap at Wetherby (2m, good). DESERT FIGHTER beat Samaken ¾l in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m good to firm). SAINT CIEL 2l 2nd of 6 to Chai-Ya in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). CIRCUS LINE beat Salvo 3½l in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, soft).
Selection: SAINT CIEL (nap)

2.10 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL CHASE LIMITED HANDICAP
(£10,036: 3m) (5 runners)

1 22P11-2 GALES CAVALIER 24 (BF,G,S) (Starlight Racing) D Gandolfo 8-11-12 M Dwyer 88
2 11F3PP- COULDNT BE BETTER 274 (CD,F,G,S) (R Whittle) C Brooks 9-11-12 G Bradley 96
3 212123- UNGUIDED MISSILE 237 (C,BF,G,S) (D Harrison) G Richards 8-11-0 R Dunwoody 97
4 11F151- SUNY BAY 242 (D,S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 7-10-10 2nd pref ⊞
5 524654 DUDWALL CROSSETT 7 (Mrs K Woodhead) E Cane 11-10-5 Mr P Murray 50

Long handicap: Duvall Crossett 4-1

BETTING: 7-4 Gales Cavalier, 5-2 Unguided Missile, 7-2 Couldnt Be Better, Suny Bay, 100-1 Duvall Crossett.

1995: COULDNT BE BETTER 8-11-6 G Bradley (11-8 fav) C Brooks 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GALES CAVALIER 3l 2nd of 4 to Coulton in grade I Devon Orchid South Western Pattern Chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). COULDNT BE BETTER 23l 3rd of 10 to Imperial Call in Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f 110yd, good). UNGUIDED MISSILE 7l 2nd of 10 to Maamur in Cheltenham handicap chase (3m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: COULDNT BE BETTER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
F Jordan	3	9	33.3	R Dunwoody	18	65	27.7
G Richards	29	97	29.9	G Bradley	8	34	23.5
C Brooks	7	26	26.9	R Supple	3	13	23.1
N Twiston-Davies	13	53	24.5	C Llewellyn	9	42	21.4
D Nicholson	10	44	22.7	A Dobbin	10	48	20.8

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 (12) 113143 GOOD TIMES 16 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.40 HINDLEY GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,469: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 1118- TURNPOLE 26F (D,G,S) (W Williams) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-13 P Niven 96
2 212/122 MYTTON'S CHOICE 11 (F,G) (G Mytton) D Nicholson 5-11-11 Mr R Thornton (5) 93
3 23221-1 PALOSANTO 14 (CD,G) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 6-11-7 C Llewellyn ⊞
4 51611-1 TULLYMURRY TOFF 46 (CD,F,G) (J Wilson and J Riley) J Jefferson 5-11-5 E Callaghan (5) 95
5 14P- MR BUREAUCRAT 253 (F) (S Clarke) S Brookshaw 7-11-4 A Dobbin 85
6 3/5P611- LITTLE GUNNER 201 (S) (A Bailey) B Preece 6-11-3 R Dunwoody 87

BETTING: 2-1 Palosanto, 11-4 Mytton's Choice, 7-2 Turnpole, 5-1 Tullymurry Toff, 10-1 Little Gunner, 14-1 Mr Bureaucrat.

1995: RUNAWAY PETE 5-11-8 D Bridgwater (1-3 fav) M Pipe 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

TURNPOLE beat Sparky Gayle 2l in 18-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, soft). MYTTON'S CHOICE 10l 2nd of 10 to Castle Sweep in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). PALOSANTO beat Trade Wind 10l in 3-runner amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good). TULLYMURRY TOFF beat Call My Guest 6l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). MR BUREAUCRAT 3½l 4th of 19 to Divertimento in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, good to soft). LITTLE GUNNER beat The Mexicans Gone 1¾l in 16-runner novice hurdle at Bangor (3m, soft).
Selection: TURNPOLE

3.10 WARGRAVE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,349: 2m) (5 runners)

1 434-433 THUMBS UP 18 (CD,F,S) (Mrs B Taylor) G McCourt 10-12-0 R Dunwoody 90
2 2141F-P SPANISH LIGHT 5 (CD,F,G,S) (J Barlow) J Barlow 7-11-11 A Dobbin 98
3 P0211-6 POTATO MAN 9 (S) (C Foster) B Ellison 10-10-3 B Harding 95
4 3423-26 REBEL KING 56 (D,BF,F,G) (M Barnes) M Barnes 6-10-0 S Taylor (5) ⊞
5 05P/5-00 MONAUGHTY MAN 7 (S) (Mrs K Woodhead) E Cane 10-10-0 Mr P Murray –

Long handicap: Rebel King 9-7, Monaughty Man 9-2

BETTING: 4-7 Thumbs Up, 5-1 Potato Man, 6-1 Spanish Light, 8-1 Rebel King, 20-1 Monaughty Man.

1995: TIME WON'T WAIT 6-11-9 J Railton (6-4 fav) R Phillips 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

THUMBS UP neck and 15l 3rd of 4 to Storm Alert in handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good to firm). SPANISH LIGHT beat Fiftysevenchannels 20l in 4-runner novice chase over course and distance (soft). POTATO MAN beat Andermatt 9l in 4-runner handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, soft). REBEL KING 15l 2nd of 8 to McGregor The Third in handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good to firm).
Selection: SPANISH LIGHT

3.40 EARLESTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,815: 2m 7f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 11501-1 HAILE DERRING 9 (G,S) (Mrs V Stockdale) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-2 (6ex) C Llewellyn 97
2 0P01-16 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 1 (C,F,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N T-Davies 7-11-9 M Keighley (7) 93
3 6200P-F FLAT TOP 19 (S) (D Sewell) M W Easterby 5-11-8 M Dwyer 98
4 5/303P-3 COUNTRY STORE 16 (S) (Westfield Racing) A Jones 7-11-0 S Curran ⊞
5 45555-1 DESERT FORCE 15 (F,G,S) (G Fierro) A Streeter 7-10-13 G Bradley 90

BETTING: 1-2 Haile Derring, 3-1 Better Bythe Glass, 8-1 Desert Force, 12-1 Country Store, 25-1 Flat Top

1995: SMITH TOO 7-11-10 W Marston (7-4) Mrs J Pitman 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAILE DERRING beat Troodos 9l in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Carlisle (3m 110yd, good). BETTER BYTHE GLASS beat Summaker 2½l in 10-runner selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (3m 3f, good to firm). COUNTRY STORE 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Sun Surfer in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, soft). DESERT FORCE beat Cosa Fuair 6l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: HAILE DERRING

☐ Helissio, the outstanding winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, scooped the major honours at the Cartier Racing Awards presented in London last night. The French-trained colt, winner of five of his six starts last season, was voted Horse of the Year, champion three-year-old and the top three-year-old colt. The Cartier Award of Merit was presented to racing's outstanding personality, Frankie Dettori, in recognition of winning all seven races at Ascot.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

12.50 Nothing Doing. 1.20 Feel The Power. 1.50 Royal Event. 2.20 Old Bridge. 2.50 High Grade. 3.20 Berude Not To. 3.50 Fiddler's Leap.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 SUNY BAY.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.50 UXBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,960: 2m) (9 runners)

1 23-4 BELLA SEDONA 16 (BF) Lady Herries 4-12-0 J Power (5) 89
2 00/ PRIME OF LIFE 550 J Eustace 6-11-8 C Rae (3) –
3 6-31 SALLEP 16 (S) R Hodges 4-11-6 T Dascombe 98
4 2221 CANARY FALCON 29 (F) R O'Sullivan 5-11-5 N Willmington (7) 95
5 -P32 RED LIGHT 15 (V) J Jenkins 4-11-3 N T Egan (5) 96
6 -362 SHIFT AGAIN 16 (B,BF) O Sherwood 4-11-1 D Thomas (3) 97
7 2412 RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 12 (D,BF,F,G) H Sawyer 7-11-0 D J Kavanagh 96
8 P00- ALL OVER RED ROVER 256 A Carroll 4-10-2 Chris Webb ⊞
9 /33- NOTHING DOING 9F W Musson 7-10-0 K Gaule 90

3-1 Bella Sedona, 7-2 Shift Again, 4-1 Sallep, 6-1 Canary Falcon, 8-1 Red Light, Ragamuffin Romeo, Nothing Doing, 12-1 others.

1.20 STAINES NOVICES CHASE
(£3,566: 2m) (4)

1 01-1 MULLIGAN 12 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 6-11-6 A Maguire 73
2 /23- FEEL THE POWER 251 (S) K Bailey 8-11-0 C O'Dwyer ⊞
3 001- MARKSMAN SPARKS 237 (S) D Chesney 6-11-0 S Burrough –
4 P-43 WILDE MUSIC 26 (BF,F) C Brooks 6-11-0 D Gallagher 59

Evens Feel The Power, 5-4 Mulligan, 10-1 Wilde Music, 12-1 Marksman Sparks

1.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier £2,969: 2m) (16)

1 00- DERRING JACK 214 A Carroll 5-11-0 T J Murphy –
2 30- FAR SPRINGS 256 K Bailey 5-11-0 C O'Dwyer 94
3 0/0- LINE OF CONQUEST 319 (S) R Hodges 6-11-0 N Williamson –
4 MR HEMP A Foster 4-11-0 Derek Byrne –
5 6 MY SHENANDOAH 19 H Oliver 5-11-0 V Slattery –
6 6- NOT FOR TURNING 231 O Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne –
7 5/0- PHYSICAL FUN 411 A Blackmore 5-11-0 D Skyrme –
8 2150 RED TEL 19 (F) M Pipe 4-11-0 A P McCoy –
9 013- ROYAL EVENT 221 (S) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 A Maguire –
10 P4-2 SHANNON LAD 21 A Carroll 6-11-0 D Morris 81
11 01-0 SIR DANTE 25 (F) R Rowe 5-11-0 D O'Sullivan –
12 50- STRONG PALADIN 231 J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide –
13 0- TELUK 182 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 W Marston –
14 004- BAY FAIR 236 J Bosley 4-10-9 M Richards –
15 43F- HALONA 203 E C Brooks 6-10-9 D Gallagher ⊞
16 TREMPLIN N Henderson 5-10-9 M A Fitzgerald –

7-2 Tremplin, 5-1 Royal Event, 6-1 Not For Turning, 7-1 Far Springs, 8-1 Halona, 10-1 Red Tel, Strong Paladin, 12-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today

2.20 LIMBER HILL CHASE
(Limited handicap: £4,715: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 1S1- SUNY BAY 242 (S) C Brooks 7-11-7 D Gallagher ⊞
2 P11- TRYING AGAIN 217 (C,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-3 J Osborne 88
3 4121 WISE APPROACH 21 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-10-9 C O'Dwyer 94
4 1F3- OLD BRIDGE 215 (D,G,S) A Turnell 8-10-9 N Williamson 94
5 -211 SUPER TACTICS 7 (CD,G,S) R Alner 8-10-7 P Henley (3) 83
6 11/ BO KNOWS BEST 576 (F,G,S) G L Moore 7-10-7 A P McCoy –
7 54-4 LACKENDARA 33 (C,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 9-10-7 B Fenton 80

7-4 Trying Again, Suny Bay, 5-1 Wise Approach, Super Tactics, 10-1 others.

2.50 HANWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,501: 2m 5f) (5)

1 111- CHAPRASSI 307 (G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 A P McCoy 90
2 06-2 HIGH GRADE 12 (G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-11-1 N Williamson 92
3 01- THE TOISEACH 243 (D,S) J Fanshawe 5-11-0 P Hide 89
4 523- WELSHMAN 403 (C,F,G,S) M Blanshard 10-10-13 D Gallagher 91
5 0-53 TIM 4 (F) J Jenkins 6-10-5 J Osborne ⊞

8-11 Chaprassi, 5-1 High Grade, 6-1 The Toiseach, 7-1 Tim, 8-1 Welshman

3.20 HALLIFORD NOVICES CHASE (£3,566: 3m) (4)

1 -121 FINE THYNE 14 (C,F,G,S) Mrs A Perrett 7-11-6 M A Fitzgerald 81
2 APPLE JOHN 206P (G) R Alner 7-11-0 P Henley (3) –
3 /22- BERUDE NOT TO 361 (F,G,S) O Sherwood 7-11-0 J Osborne ⊞
4 /3 OUROWNFELLOW 14 (S) R Curtis 7-11-0 D Morris 51

4-9 Berude Not To, 3-1 Fine Thyne, 10-1 Ourownfellow, 12-1 Apple John

3.50 FRENCH STREET NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,417: 2m) (20)

1 CHARLIE BANKER K Burke 4-11-4 A Larnach –
2 0/ DERRYS PREROGATIVE 977 A Carroll 6-11-4 J Railton –
3 FIDDLER'S LEAP Miss H Knight 4-11-4 J Osborne –
4 5- JACK GALLAGHER 305 Miss B Sanders 5-11-4 M Richards –
5 00 JACKHO 4 Miss J Bower 4-11-4 T Dascombe (3) –
6 3- LIVELY ENCOUNTER 242 Mrs M Jones 5-11-4 Derek Byrne –
7 MIKE'S MUSIC D Grissell 5-11-4 B Fenton –
8 MILITARY LAW Miss H Knight 5-11-4 T J Murphy –
9 NORMANDY DUKE C Mann 4-11-4 J Magee (3) –
10 0/ PRIVATE MEMORIES 625 A Carroll 6-11-4 W Marston –
11 2- QUICK BOWLER 182 D Nicholson 4-11-4 R Massey (3) –
12 2 QUINI EAGLE 11 M Pipe 4-11-4 A P McCoy –
13 40- SHEKELS 198 C Brooks 5-11-4 M Berry (7) –
14 2/- SIDANORA 600 K Bailey 6-11-4 C O'Dwyer –
15 SOU SOU WESTERLY C Weedon 5-11-4 N Williamson –
16 SPRING BLADE S Dow 4-11-4 A Dicken –
17 STANMORE C Brooks 4-11-4 D Gallagher –
18 STORMYFAIRWEATHER N Henderson 4-11-4 M A Fitzgerald –
19 FEEBEE FIVE S Woods 4-10-13 P Hide –
20 PERSIAN SUNSET Miss J Bower 4-10-13 K Gaule (3) –

5-2 Quick Bowler, 5-1 Sidanora, 6-1 Fiddler's Leap, Quini Eagle, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Fanshawe, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; D Gandolfo, 5 from 13, 38.5%; C Mann, 3 from 8, 37.5%; Lady Herries, 4 from 12, 33.3%; R Alner, 8 from 25, 32.0%

JOCKEYS: W Marston, 4 winners from 18 rides, 22.2%; N Williamson 12 from 55, 21.8%; J Osborne, 23 from 106, 21.7%; A Maguire, 16 from 77, 20.8%; M A Fitzgerald, 16 from 87, 18.4%

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

1.00 Fursan. 1.30 Millies Own. 2.00 Lawnswood Junior. 2.30 Jultara. 3.00 Young Tess. 3.30 King's Shilling. 4.00 Winnetka Girl.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.00 MARDEN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,468: 2m 1f) (16 runners)

101 14 SIBERIAN MYSTIC 22 (G) P Murphy 11-0 W McFarland
102 COME ON IN 27F R Dickin 10-12 X Aizpuru (7)
103 CROWN AND CUSHION 123F T Greathead 10-12 P Holley
104 0 DEUX CARR 11 Bob Jones 10-12 V Smith
105 FURSAN 146F N Twiston-Davies 10-12 D Bridgwater
106 0 GRASSHOPPER 14 J Spearing 10-12 D Walsh (3)
107 IRISH KINSMAN 44F G Yardley 10-12 J R Kavanagh
108 NOBLE COLOURS 54F S Griffiths 10-12 Mr J Jukes
109 P PAULTON 15 K Bishop 10-12 R Greene
110 5 QUIET MOMENTS 22 P Murphy 10-12 R Farrant
111 WARNING REEF 138F C Popham 10-12 R Johnson
112 WORTH THE BILL F Jordan 10-12 S Wynne
113 5 FORMENTIERE 41 J Bradley 10-7 Mr A Wintle (7)
114 02 LADY MAGNUM 18 J Neville 10-7 N Mann
115 03 LITTLE KENNY 41 (V) T Wall 10-7 B Powell
116 SECRET GIFT 142F Mrs J Pitman 10-7 G Hogan (3)

3-1 Fursan, 9-2 Secret Gift, 5-1 Warning Reef, 6-1 Siberian Mystic, 7-1 others.

1.30 BACTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,878: 2m 3f) (13)

201 532- WHERE'S WILLIE 270 N Twiston-Davies 7-12-7 M Rimell (3)
202 31-4 MILLIES OWN 39 (F,G) P Hobbs 9-12-3 R Widger (7)
203 440- WAYUPHILL 186 (S) J O'Neill 9-11-11 L Corcoran (7)
204 1336 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 11 B Llewellyn 8-11-11 J Llewellyn (5)
205 22P- POPPETS PET 382 (F,S) J Mullins 9-11-10 A Balding (7)
206 0345 AUVILLAR 19 (V,F,G,S) J Parfitt 8-11-3 A Wintle (7)
207 334P FOXGROVE 8 (F,G) R Price 10-11-1 Miss E J Jones (7)
208 0-56 OPAL'S TENSPOT 19 (D) J Bradley 9-10-7 Miss V Roberts (7)
209 6545 PRUDENT PEGGY 52 (S) R Frost 9-10-7 A Holdsworth (7)
210 34-P RHOMAN FUN 6 (C,G) R Buckler 7-10-7 P Scott (7)
211 -PU5 ENNISTYMON 21 J Mullins 5-10-7 G Weatherley (7)
212 P5-U STRANGE WAYS 15 (F) H Manners 8-10-7 A Charles-Jones (7)
213 4-P0 SALCOMBE HARBOUR 27 P Pritchard 12-10-7 P Pritchard (7)

5-2 Where's Willie, 4-1 Wayuphill, Poppets Pet, 9-1 Millies Own, 10-1 others.

2.00 BRIDSTOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,940: 2m 1f) (8)

301 45-0 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 144 (D) J Spearing 9-12-0 D Bridgwater
302 4213 GLOWING PATH 14 (D,BF,F,S) R Hodges 6-11-8 J Harris (7)
303 0534 MY HARVINSKI 8 (G) I Jones 6-11-3 Miss E J Jones (7)
304 3P-2 ALICE'S MIRROR 14 (D,G,S) K Bishop 7-11-0 R Johnson
305 543- THEM TIMES 406 F Jordan 7-10-7 S Wynne
306 5064 SCALP 'EM 14 P Pritchard 8-10-0 P Pritchard
307 0-30 BRESIL 8 K Burke 7-10-0 Mark Brown (7)
308 0604 AGAINST THE CLOCK 16 (B) C Popham 4-10-0 T O'Connor (7)

5-2 Alice's Mirror, 7-2 My Harvinski, Glowing Path, 5-1 Them Times, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 33 winners from 101 runners, 32.7%; D Nicholson, 10 from 33, 30.3%; P Hobbs, 14 from 47, 29.8%; N Twiston-Davies, 24 from 81, 29.6%; R Buckler, 8 from 34, 23.5%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Mr J Jukes, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%; D Bridgwater 26 from 106, 24.5%; J R Kavanagh, 10 from 48, 20.8%; R Massey, 4 from 20, 20.0%; R Farrant, 7 from 44, 15.9%; S McNeill, 7 from 46, 15.2%.

2.30 BOGMARSH NOVICES CHASE
(£3,009: 3m 1f 110yd) (11)

401 5431 DON DU CADRAN 11 (F,G) T Forster 7-11-5 A Thornton
402 F/0- BONNIFER 291 M Wilkinson 7-10-12 I Lawrence
403 P-UP CARDINAL RULE 11 Miss V Williams 7-10-12 R Farrant
404 23P- JULTARA 209 (S) J Edwards 7-10-12 J R Kavanagh
405 6-3P MINGUS 11 (F,S) R Buckler 9-10-12 B Powell
406 2FF- MOUNT SERRATH 221 C Egerton 8-10-12 J A McCarthy
407 PS/ PICKETSTONE 610 P Webber 9-10-12 P Scott
408 222- WHAT'S YOUR STORY 243 (S) D Nicholson 7-10-12 R Johnson
409 4 NEWTOWN ROSIE 46 Miss A Embiricos 7-10-7 J Ryan
410 2-F4 SWING QUARTET 25 (G) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-7 T Jenks
411 SNOWDON LILY P Webber 5-10-5 E Husband (3)

7-4 What's Your Story, 3-1 Don Du Cadran, 5-1 Jultara, 7-1 Swing Quartet, 8-1 Mount Serrath, 10-1 Picketstone, 12-1 others

3.00 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,388: 2m 3f 110yd) (15)

501 0-22 LETS BE FRANK 7 Noel T Chance 5-11-10 R Johnson
502 0-2F COUNTRY MINSTREL 53 S Dow 5-11-10 D Walsh (3)
503 54-1 KILLING TIME 70 (D,F) D Burchell 5-11-4 D J Burchell
504 02-5 YOUNG TESS 42 I Brown 6-11-2 Mr A Brown
505 4115 RAVEN'S ROOST 74 (C,F) G Jones 5-11-2 P McLoughlin
506 /24- STEEL GEM 243 P Rich 7-11-2 M Griffiths (7)
507 2-10 CLOD HOPPER 7 (F) W Muir 6-11-1 A Bates (5)
508 /55- INDIAN TEMPLE 412 K Bishop 5-11-1 R Greene
509 6F0- PARISIAN 208 J Bennett 11-10-5 L Harvey
510 000- NUNS LUCY 226 F Jordan 5-10-5 S Wynne
511 P00- ALTHREY ARISTOCRAT 225 F Lloyd 6-10-5 S McNeill
512 06-0 OUT OF THE BLUE 18 (V) M Eckley 4-10-3 J Mogford (7)
513 00F- ARIOSO 186 J Needham 8-10-2 G Hogan (3)
514 P0/ FORBURIES 579 A James 7-10-2 B Powell
515 6-04 OTTER PRINCE 14 T George 7-10-0 R Farrant

5-2 Lets Be Frank, 4-1 Killing Time, 8-1 Steel Gem, 10-1 Country Minstrel, Clod Hopper, 12-1 others

3.30 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,814: 2m) (13)

601 24F- POUCHER 214 (S) T Forster 6-12-0 S Wynne
602 211F NORDIC VALLEY 6 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-7 C Maude
603 -221 BISHOPS CASTLE 35 (F,G) R Frost 8-11-6 J Frost
604 P-1U TENAYESTELIGN 34 (D,BF,F,G) D Marks 8-11-4 J A McCarthy
605 8525 KING'S SHILLING 24 (F,G,S) H Oliver 9-11-1 Jacqui Oliver
606 00-3 SCOTTISH BAMBI 12 P Webber 9-10-11 A Thornton
607 44P- KNOWING 191 (S) P Wallons 9-10-9 Mr A Wintle (7)
608 416- NORTHERN SINGER 225 (G) R Hodges 6-10-4 P Holley
609 5-F2 ASHMEAD RAMBLER 6 P Hobbs 6-10-0 B Powell
610 663- WOT NO GIN 258 A J Wilson 7-10-0 R Johnson
611 4/P CHERRY ORCHID 14 J Needham 9-10-0 G Hogan (3)
612 06-P BAXWORTHY LORD 37 C Popham 5-10-0 T O'Connor (7)
613 00-6 THE FENCE SHRINKER 19 D McCain 5-10-0 D Walsh (3)

3-1 Bishops Castle, 4-1 Nordic Valley, 6-1 Tenayestelign, 7-1 Ashmead Rambler, 8-1 Poucher, Scottish Bambi, 12-1 others

4.00 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,395: 2m 1f) (13)

1 FUN WHILE IT LASTS T Forster 5-11-0 A Bates (5)
2 64-3 JUST JASMINE 15 K Bishop 4-11-0 –
3 4 KOSHEEN 15 Miss H Knight 5-11-0 Mr A Wintle (7)
4 0 LADY ROSEBURY 14 R Price 6-11-0 M Griffiths (7)
5 0/0 LET YOU KNOW 15 T George 6-11-0 C Hynes (7)
6 5 LOVELY RASCAL 14 J O'Neill 4-11-0 R McGrath (5)
7 2/ MELSTOCK MEGGIE 583 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 G Hogan (3)
8 POLLERTON'S DREAM 583P Mrs Thomas 5-11-0 G Lewis (3)
9 SILVER QUILL G Balding 5-11-0 Mr A Balding (7)
10 00- TINKER'S CUSS 221 A Jones 5-11-0 D Walsh (3)
11 TOMORROWS HARVEST R Hodges 4-11-0 J Harris (7)
12 WHERE'S MIRANDA B McCourt 4-11-0 R Hobson (7)
13 WINNETKA GAL N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 L Suthern (7)

2-1 Winnetka Gal, 5-1 Lovely Rascal, 6-1 Just Jasmine, 8-1 Kosheen, 9-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Newton Abbot

Going: heavy

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Urban Lily (J Harris, 3-1); 2, Yet Again (13-2); 3, Faster Gold (4-1). Denomination 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 3½l, 10l. R Hodges. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £3.20. DF: £7.80. CSF: £20.41. No bid.

1.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Orswell Lad (R Dunwoody, 11-4); 2, Foxtrot Romeo (9-2); 3, Country Keeper (33-1). Strong Tarquin 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Coney Road, Crown Ivory, Jac Del Prince. Sh hd, 15l. P Hobbs. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £2.30, £3.30. DF: £10.10. Trio: not won (pool of £64.64 carried forward to 3.00 at Hereford today). CSF: £14.91. Tricast: £291.21.

2.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Lake Kariba (A P McCoy, 2-1 fav); 2, Devon Peasant (9-4); 3, Nordance Prince (9-4). 12 ran. 15l, 18l. P Nicholls. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £2.50. Trio: £1.60. CSF: £7.67.

2.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Flow (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Bramblehill Buck (7-2); 3, Dom Samourai (8-1). Church Law, Rocky Park 100-30 jt-favs. 8 ran. NR: Andre Laval, Carlingford Lakes. 8l, nk. R Buckler. Tote: £8.20; £2.00, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £39.60. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £30.17. Tricast: £184.05.

3.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Sparkling Yasmin (B Powell, 6-1); 2, Holdimclose (10-1); 3, Cats Run (10-1). Balanak 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Blazer Moriniere, Chapoose. Sh-hd, 18l. P Hobbs. Tote: £5.90; £1.70, £3.90, £1.70. DF: £51.10. Trio: £182.40. CSF: £57.56. Tricast: £540.77.

3.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Well Timed (J Frost, 7-2); 2, James The First (6-4); 3, Rex To The Rescue (3-1). 4 ran. NR: Miss Marigold. Sh hd, 7l. R Frost. Tote: £4.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £8.87.

4.00 (2m 1f flat race) 1, Iranoo (A P McCoy, 9-4 fav); 2, Never In Debt (10-1); 3, April Seventh (16-1). 11 ran. NR: Baba Sam. 11l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.20; £1.10, £2.50, £3.60. DF: £15.10. Trio: £73.10. CSF: £25.79.

Placepot: £411.80. Quadpot: £61.90.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.50 (1m 2f) 1, Double Rush (S Sanders, 11-4 fav); 2, Maradata (5-1); 3, Comedy River (10-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 5l. T Mills. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £9.00. Trio: £13.08. CSF: £16.06. Tricast: £111.37.

1.20 (1m 4f) 1, Basood (D Biggs, 14-1); 2, Master Millfield (5-1); 3, Hoofprints (Evens fav). 7 ran. NR: Etoile Du Nord, Forgotten Dancer. 2l, nk. S Woods. Tote: £12.10; £5.80, £2.10. DF: £26.70. Trio: £36.20. CSF: £74.43. Tricast: £122.78.

1.50 (1m 2f) 1, Thai Morning (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Night Wink (7-1); 3, South Eastern Fred (10-1). 12 ran. NR: Opelos. 2½l, 3½l. P Harris. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £27.00. Trio: £73.50. CSF: £19.92.

2.20 (7f) 1, Henley (D R McCabe, 7-2); 2, Milroy (7-1); 3, Boater (16-1). Wild Sky 2-1 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 3l. D Loder. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.80, £4.20. DF: £30.20. Trio: £197.20. CSF: £29.27.

2.50 (1m) 1, Tissue Of Lies (M Roberts, 5-2 fav); 2, Passage Creeping (3-1); 3, Questing Star (9-2). 8 ran. Nk, 1¾l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £13.10. CSF: £10.29.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1, Adamton (M Roberts, 7-2); 2, Paronomasia (13-2); 3, Father Dan (13-2). Arzani 10-3 fav. 11 ran. NR: Kitty Kitty Cancan. 5l, 1¾l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £5.00; £4.70, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £13.50. Trio: £46.60. CSF: £24.53. Tricast: £129.34.

3.50 (7f) 1, Twin Creeks (C Rutter, 9-1); 2, Smithereens (15-8 fav); 3t, Hawaii Storm (16-1); 3t, Utmost Zeal (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Greatest. 1¾l, 1¾l. V Soane. Tote: £20.50; £4.80, £2.10, Utmost Zeal £1.10, Hawaii Storm £0.80. DF: £18.90. Trio: Twin Creeks (with Smithereens and Utmost Zeal), £10.40; Twin Creeks (with Smithereens and Hawaii Storm), £52.90. CSF: £24.68. Tricast: Twin Creeks, Smithereens, Utmost Zeal, £83.43; Twin Creeks, Smithereens, Hawaii Storm, £128.69.

Placepot: £196.60. Quadpot: £46.60.

☐ Wetherby meeting abandoned because of snow.

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IN BRIEF

Milkins is poised to upset Hendry

STEPHEN HENDRY, the holder, faced unexpectedly spirited opposition when he was held 4-4 by Robert Milkins, the world No 231, in the second round of the United Kingdom championship at Preston Guild Hall yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

The world champion, attempting to extend his unbeaten sequence in this event to 14 matches, again exhibited the inconsistency that contributed to many anxious moments before he beat Dominic Dale 9-6 in the first round on Saturday.

Hendry lost the second frame on the pink after missing a straightforward green, but threatened to establish a sizeable overnight advantage when he forged 4-1 ahead with runs of 74, 82 and 108.

However, the Scot's form dipped considerably in the closing three frames of the session as Milkins gave himself the opportunity to cause a major upset when the best-of-17-frames contest reaches its conclusion this afternoon.

Paul Hunter, a promising 18-year-old from Leeds, who whitewashed Willie Thorne 9-0 in the previous round, put together runs of 100 and 136 in consecutive frames on the way to building a 5-3 lead over James Wattana, of Thailand.

Gallian stays

Cricket: Jason Gallian, the Lancashire batsman, has been spared the disappointment of withdrawing from the England A tour of Australia after specialists confirmed that his finger injury would not restrict his future participation on the remainder of the trip.

Gallian has been little more than a spectator after sustaining two separate finger injuries in the three weeks since the party arrived. He injured the little finger on his right hand fielding in the opening defeat against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth, which ruled him out of the games against South Australia, but he recovered in time for the match against the Australian Cricket Academy.

His contribution, however, was minimal after being hit on the index finger of the same hand in the first innings. He was unable to field for either of the Academy's innings and was not needed to bat again.

Boniol kicks in

American football: Chris Boniol equalled a National Football League record as the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Green Bay Packers 21-6 on Monday. Boniol joins Jim Bakken, of the St Louis Cardinals, and Rich Karlis, of the Minnesota Vikings, as the only players to kick seven field goals in a game.

Law leaves

Cricket: Danny Law, the all-rounder, became the second Sussex player to leave the club within the week yesterday. Law, 21, has joined Essex on a three-year contract, following Ian Salisbury, the leg spinner, now with Surrey. Law had been with the club since he was 13.

Pendrigh wins

Real tennis: Nigel Pendrigh survived a tense five-set match against Andrew Lyons in his opening match of the British Lamb British Open Championship at Queen's Club. Pendrigh dropped the first two sets, but after taking the third set, he began cutting the ball to an immaculate length and dropped just two more games as he clinched the match.

New coach

Hockey: Jon Royce, head of PE at Kingston Grammar School, will coach the England team that is to play in the six-nation Golden Jubilee tournament in Karachi, Pakistan, from March 16 to 23, 1997. It is a temporary appointment but Royce has been confirmed as coach of the England Under-21 team for the Junior World Cup in September next year.

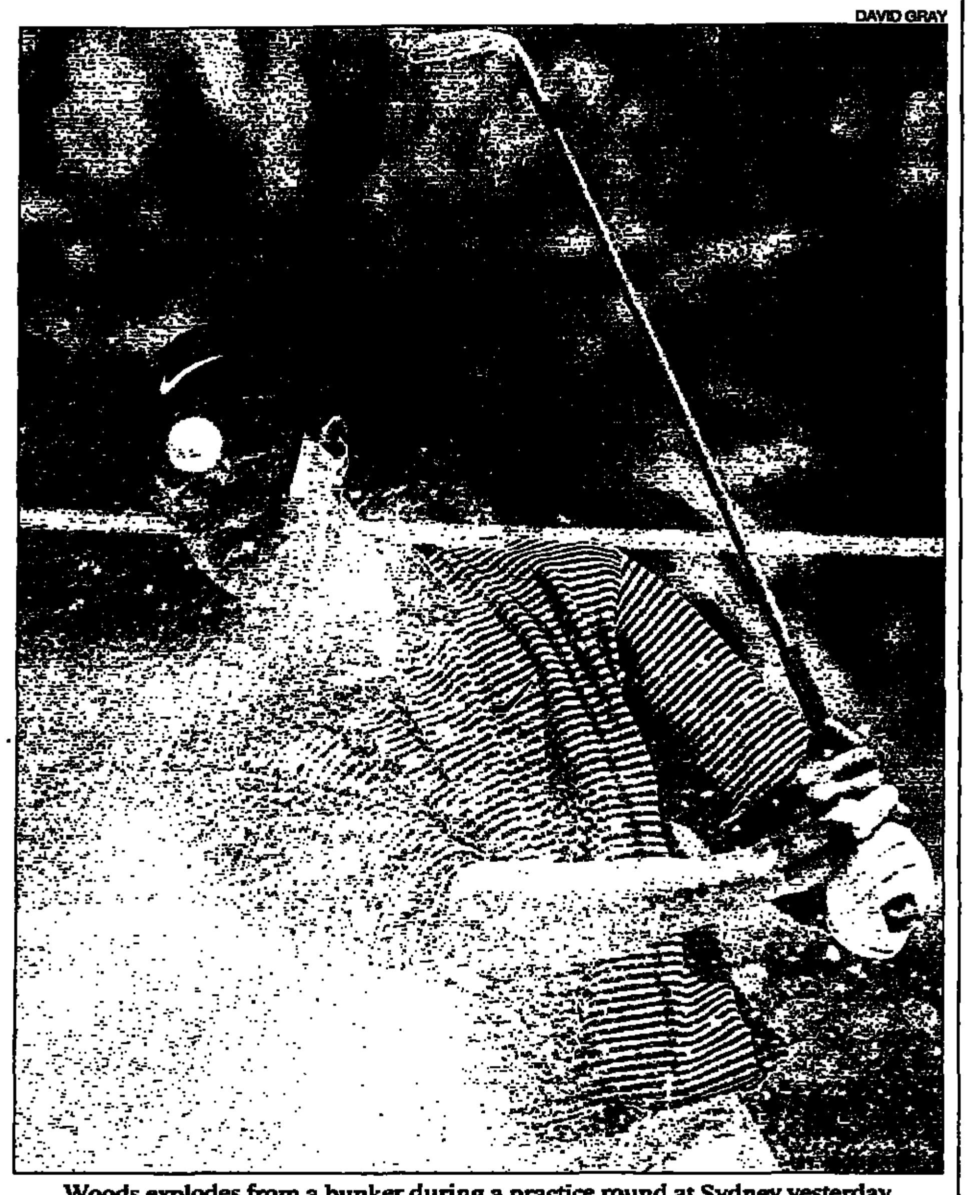
☐ Robert Hill, the former England and Great Britain international, has rejoined Havant.

China rally

Badminton: A surprise defeat for Peter Knowles, who begins the defence of his Scottish Open title in Glasgow tomorrow, made sure that the result of England's six-match series with China would not be decided until the final match in Sheffield last night. England's series lead, once 3-0, was reduced to 3-2 after a 4-1 defeat at Mansfield on Monday night.

‘Tigermania’ quick to take hold Down Under

Patricia Davies meets the young American stealing the limelight from Greg Norman at the Australian Open


DAVID GRAY

Woods explodes from a bunker during a practice round at Sydney yesterday

The man is unreal. He is barely out of his teens, but he conducts himself with a poise that men many years his senior never acquire. He is just a golfer, a professional for less than three months, but already he is threatening to transcend his sport. He is tall, dark, handsome, articulate, smart, rich (his deals with Nike and Titleist are worth some $60 million), has a smile that will turn many a female knee to jelly, is not afraid to speak his mind and has just hit Australia.

Tiger Woods is the name of this paragon and the 20-year-old American, who has won twice in his few weeks on the US PGA Tour, earning $790,000, is the main man at the Holden Australian Open, which starts at The Australian club, in Sydney, tomorrow. It is his first trip overseas as a professional — he was paid about $250,000 to come — and if the advance publicity is anything to go by, he was worth every cent.

Even Greg Norman, the world No 1 and the icon of Oz, has been eclipsed and he does not mind a bit. “I think Tigermania is wonderful,” he said. “It’s good for the Australian Open and the Australian public. If 10,000 people watch him and just a hundred or so watch me, that’s fine. Tiger’s taken the world by storm and I’m going to enjoy it and let him have all the attention.”

That does not bother Woods, who faced the massed ranks of the media with aplomb, answering questions with courtesy and humour. “I think all the attention is because of what I’ve done lately — winning my third US Amateur and doing what I’ve done on tour. I’m a fresh face and the media and the fans have jumped on that, but it’s no big deal. You’ve just got to be honest and be yourself.”

He was also unfazed when questioned about appearance money. “I think it’s a good thing if you know that the player that you are getting is trying 110 per cent to win. I haven’t come here to play for the gallery,” he stressed.

Woods, who drew a sizeable crowd to watch him hit 300-yard drives in the pro-am yesterday, added: “It’s awfully nice that people come out and watch but I’m here to do my job.”

Woods tends to win with style. Although lightly built, he hits the ball further than anyone else and the galleries gawp. He averaged 309 yards on the US Tour statistics, about 25 yards beyond John Daly, with renowned hitters like Norman, Fred Couples and Tom Watson lagging even further behind. That gets people’s attention.

Then there is his colour. In a predominantly white sport, Woods is not white. He is an exotic mixture of mainly African-American (his father) and Thai (his mother). He has had hate mail because of his colour but regards that as a bonus because it means his success is making people think.

His first Nike ads made race an issue — “There are still courses where I am not welcome because of the colour of my skin. Are you ready for me world?” — and Woods has every intention of being a force for change, to broaden the reach of the game he loves with a passion. “My parents taught me that you can’t side on the grey area,” he said.

This week, however, his attention is on the golf. If people’s expectations of him are high, they are more than matched by his own. He had an air shot in practice — “Some of the places I put myself in, I’m susceptible to doing that,” he smiled — but few doubt his ability to cope with a new continent and an unfamiliar golf course.

Twenty years ago, Norman, then 21, played in his first Australian Open at this course. He was paired with Jack Nicklaus and hit his opening drive into a bush — “Thank God it’s gone now,” he said — and did not break 80.

“I was nervous and everybody had built me up and I was just humiliated in front of the greatest golfer ever put on this planet,” Norman recalled. “I guess I hadn’t played long enough to be humble.”

So far, Woods, who gave up his degree course at Stanford to play the tour, has had little to be humble about, but he is acutely aware of his good fortune. “I’m very lucky to be doing something I love to do, getting paid to do it and having all these extra perks. Not too many people when they wake up in the morning can’t wait to get to their job,” he said.

If he has flaws — and he is only human, after all — they seem to amount to little more than a lack of culinary adventure (McDonald’s is his restaurant of choice), a degree of youthful certitude and the odd wayward drive. The world might not be ready for that.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Two codes explore new share options

By Christopher Irvine

AS THE two rugby codes forge closer links, Wigan and Wasps have held exploratory talks about the joint funding of transfer signings. Under a proposed arrangement, players will play rugby union for half the year and rugby league the other half with the contract costs split between the clubs.

It is a proposal fraught with difficulties, not least because of doubts about the capability of players to flit between the two sports, yet Va’aiga Tuigamala is one of those proving that it is at least physically possible. The dual international Western Samoa centre is due back at Wigan in January, from his loan spell in union, but Wasps want him to return next season, permanently if possible.

Tuigamala’s position at Wigan, where he is contracted to stay for another two years, was the subject of discussions last week between Chris Wright, who has sunk £3.5 million into Wasps, and Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman. The idea is that, together, both clubs could attract leading players from either code, in joint deals, similar to the one in which Bedford and London Broncos now own Martin Offiah.

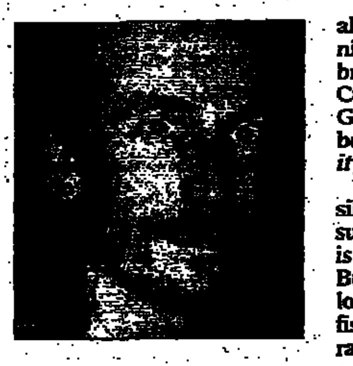
Wigan are also continuing talks with Dave Whelan, the owner of Wigan Athletic Football Club, about a sale of Central Park for more than £4 million, which would end the club’s immediate money worries.

The Rugby Football League remains anxious to cut off the supply of players to union on short-term winter contracts next year. It hopes to achieve this by a longer season. The 22-team world club championship, which will be jointly launched today in Leeds and Sydney, will not finish until the end of October, when Australia are due to tour Britain.

☐ Work starts today on a new £8 million, 14,000-capacity stadium at Widnes. Only the changing-rooms and boardroom at Naughton Park will survive the redevelopment. The crowd limit will be reduced to 3,500 for the first three months of next season.

Mercenaries fated to fall foul of itchy feet

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

“Great God, this is an awful place,” Captain Scott wrote in his Antarctic diary. But his problems were as nothing compared with those of Andrea, girlfriend of Emerson, one of the trio of Brazilian footballers signed by the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson.

“The moment I saw Middlesbrough I felt it was a strange, terrible place,” she said. “It seemed so dark and quiet outside and it was always windy and raining.” And so she has remained in Rio, while Emerson returned to do battle with the dark.

We live in an era of globalisation and, as ever, it is sport that dramatises this truth. Thus Terry Venables, the former England football coach, has decided to follow the time-honoured route from law court to Australia.

The globalisation of sport is one of the facts of modern life: there were 197 nations present in the global Olympic Village in Atlanta this summer. The other week, India played Pakistan in a series of one-day cricket matches in Toronto, of all places.

Nobody went to watch, of course, but they wouldn’t, would they? Never mind, the odd billion or so saw the cricket on television back home in Asia. India-Pakistan cricket galvanises the sub-continent, but needs neutral ground, usually Sharjah, to dilute the hostility. The Toronto series was called, by someone with a robust if unsubtle sense of humour, the Friendship Cup.

Globalising sport means globalising its superstars, and this is a harder business. For even in the boldest of travellers, the most independent of souls, there lies a streak of the provincial, the homebody.

So poor Andrea expresses her preference for Rio over Middlesbrough and most of us who love to sneer at unglamorous provincial towns make the required jokes.

But I recall five of the strangest days of my life. I was in Rio and the weather was awfully nice, and yet I wanted, not to be in Middlesbrough, but certainly in Hertfordshire.

I was stuck in a currency collapse, unable to travel a yard, waiting for a plane to take me to Barbados for the cricket; I had no story to write, knew no one and had nothing to do. I ask for no pity, I was not even overly miserable, but it was a long, bizarre moment of perfect dislocation.

And had you told me that if I pressed a certain button I would instantly be beamed up to Hertfordshire, I would have damn near broken my finger on it. Andrea, I, in Rio and in lovely weather, foreknew your sufferings in darkest Middlesbrough.

Perhaps it is, above all, the dark that gets people. No wonder the most successful footballing imports to this country tend to be Scandinavian: compared with their own benighted climes, places such as Middlesbrough must seem havens of light and sun and joy.

Perhaps reading a few of Strindberg’s observations on married life would have cheered Andrea up. Or perhaps all she needed was a few Edvard Munch reproductions: a couple of minutes daily contemplation of *The Scream* would surely make Teesside seem more like the Copacabana.

But the more satellites, telephones and jumbo jets make the globalisation of sport a reality, the greater the plague of dislocated superstars, holed up in hotels or rented houses, with huge telephone bills and with colleagues and agents instead of friends, interviews and meetings instead of conversations.

“I pity the poor immigrant,” Bob Dylan sang, “without family or friends; who falls in love with wealth itself …” And wealth, of course, is the rub.

So here, for the benefit of all superstars who are planning the next step of their brilliant careers, is Barnes’s Cut Out and Keep Guide to Globalisation. And it has but a single point: *don’t do it for the money.*

This may sound a touch silly, since the reason for such a dislocating wrench is to further your career. But there are two ways of looking at a career: a purely fiscal matter, or an exhilarating aspect of your progress through life.

I was a poor immigrant myself once. Through general mismanagement and incompetence, I managed to find myself 8,000 miles from home without money or job. But I had not gone for money, I had gone for the adventure. I set off with a small sum of money; I returned four years on with rather less. But the adventure left its mark on me, it made me the bum I am today.

We can turn on the television and see sport from all over the world. Everywhere the cameras turn, they are kicking footballs, every nation looks, through the tube, to be dizzyingly familiar, the only difference the shade of green they play on. Yet the difference between place and place is as colossal as it ever was.

Globalisation is part fact, part myth, and for the athlete eager to cash in on his talent before the hamstring twangs its last twang, it can be a terrible trap.

Football may be the world’s Esperanto, but that does not stop footballers, and more especially their families, from being bitterly unhappy.

Go west, or east, or north, or south, young man, but only do so if you have adventure in your heart. If it is not an adventure, it is a prison sentence, for globalisation is one more brilliant illusion of the flickering screen.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Some years ago one of Zia Mahmood’s “Bols tips” was “if they don’t cover, they haven’t got it”. That was the clue to the successful line in the hand today.

Dealer South **Game all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠ 8 2
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K Q 6 3
♣ 10 4 2

West:
♠ K J 6 5 4
♥ 10 6 5
♦ J 5
♣ 7 6 3

East:
♠ Q 10 7 3
♥ K 9 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ Q J 5

South:
♠ A 9
♥ Q 8 7
♦ A 9 8 7
♣ A K 9 8

S	W	N	E
1 NT (1)	Pass	2 C (2)	Pass
2 D	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Contract: 3 NT by South

Lead: Five of spades

(1) 15 — 17 (2) Stayman

Unless they contrive to block the suit, the defence have at least four tricks in spades, so the problem is the best way for declarer to make an immediate nine tricks. You might like to consider:

a) the best technical line,
b) the best psychological line,
before reading on.

The best technical line is to test the diamonds, finishing in dummy. If the diamonds do not divide, you need four tricks in clubs. Play the ten, intending to run it if East plays small. If the diamonds are worth four tricks, cash the ace of clubs and, if an honour drops, continue with a second high club. If only two tricks are available in clubs, take the heart finesse. Here, that would fail.

When this hand was played in the TGR £10 game, Brian Jackson, the declarer, eschewed the technical stuff and went for the psychological line. At trick two, he led the queen of hearts. When West played low, Jackson took the view that he was unlikely to have the king, so he rose with the ace. Now, needing at least three tricks in clubs, he ran the ten. He had taken a line which was technically only a 25 per cent chance, as compared with the 50 per cent heart finesse; but it was the one that worked.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Elite review

Today I continue my review of elite tournaments of the past which might challenge the Las Palmas event, starting on December 8, for the accolade for strongest tournament of all time.

Having dominated his rivals at the two great tournaments of 1895-96 and St Petersburg 1914, the amazing Emanuel Lasker, then 55 years old, also took clear first at New York in 1924. As at St Petersburg ten years earlier, he again outdistanced Capablanca, Alekhine and Marshall, as well as other star players such as Reti, Maroczy, Bogolyubov and Tartakower. In the following game the great Alekhine is strategically outgunned at every stage.

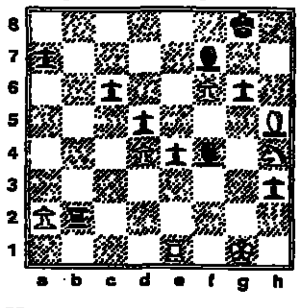
White: Alexander Alekhine
Black: Emanuel Lasker
New York 1924

Queen’s Gambit Declined

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	Nbd7
5	cxd5	exd5
6	Bf4	c6
7	e3	Nh5
8	Bd3	Nxf4
9	exf4	Bd6
10	g3	0-0
11	0-0	Re8
12	Qc2	Nf8
13	Nd1	f6
14	Ne3	Be6
15	Nh4	Bc7
16	b4	Bb6
17	Nf3	Bf7
18	b5	Bh5
19	g4	Bf7
20	bxc6	Rc8
21	Qb2	bxc6
22	f5	Qd6
23	Ng2	Bc7
24	Rfe1	h5
25	h3	Nh7
26	Rxe8+	Rxe8
27	Re1	Rb8
28	Qc1	Ng5
29	Ne5	fxe5
30	Qxg5	e4
31	f6	g6
32	f4	hxg4
33	Be2	gxh3
34	Bh5	Rb2
35	Nh4	Qxf4
36	Qxf4	Bxf4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Top ratings

The top World Chess Federation ratings for November are Kasparov 2,794pts, Karpov 2,762, Ivanchuk 2,740, Topalov 2,738, Anand 2,735 and Kramnik 2,731. These six will be the participants in Las Palmas. The top ranked British player is Nigel Short on 2692 in world ninth position.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

IMAGO
a. A mirage
b. A Roman bust
c. A perfect insect

VIRAGO
a. A man from long ago
b. A whirlwind
c. A bad-tempered woman

GLEBOUS
a. Earthy
b. Fat
c. A fatted ox

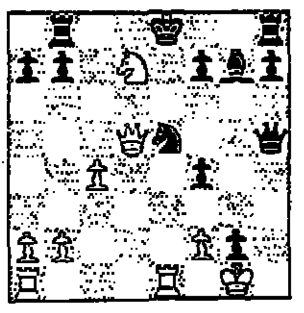
RHONCHISONANT
a. An organ stop
b. Snoring
c. Shouting

Answers on page 50

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Keene — Mestel, Esbjerg 1981. White is threatened with mate in one. What is the best way to deal with this?



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CHANGING TIMES

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Schoolboy's strike puts him in a different class

With due consideration for the efforts of Best, Lee and Boniek, **Michael Henderson** makes a surprisingly scholarly selection

Who can select confidently the goal of a lifetime? The best of anything, like the worst, is shaped by taste and first-hand experience. Alistair Cooke once wrote that what we see tends to confirm our opinions, not change them, and he was not far out. It would be hard to admit that Arsenal have ever scored a good goal; others might be more tolerant.

One rule must surely be observed: to have witnessed the goal with one's own eyes. The best ones exist in memory, and need not be authenticated by lens or camera. They acquire a fresh layer of imagination every time they are recalled, which may not be strictly truthful. But literal truth is not strictly the point.

Having spent the first year of my footballing life, so to speak, at Burnden Park, Bolton, Francis Lee features prominently in my list. There was a daisycutter towards the end of a night match against Millwall in 1966, as the crowd was filing out, and there was a ferocious shot against Huddersfield Town from 30, probably 35, yards.

Years later, in December 1975 to be precise, Sam Allardyce met a corner with a header from around the penalty spot that nearly unhinged the netting in the Sunderland goal. That was memorable, and so was Frank Worthington's swivel and volley in 1979, after an extraordinary juggle with his back to the Ipswich Town goal.

Nobody who was at Maine Road in 1970 will ever forget *Jimmy Greaves's debut for* West Ham United, who won 5-1. That was the afternoon Ronnie Boyce returned Joe Corrigan's punt downfield with a half-volley from the centre circle that reached the Manchester City goal before Corrigan had returned to tend it. What a fool he looked!

A year later, in November 1971, Mike Summerbee tied a Manchester derby at 3-3 in the last minute with a shot into the same goal. Summerbee did not score many goals and this was a belter, bringing to a climax the finest match I can recall. Sammy McIlroy, a strip of a lad at 17, opened the scoring for United on his debut, from a pass by George Best.

Two months earlier, Best had scored the goal of his life, against Sheffield United at *Old Trafford. I remember* hearing it described at the time on the radio, probably by Maurice Edelston, and it was almost as good as being there. But I wasn't, so it doesn't count. *Neither does Eddie* Gray's astonishing individual goal against Burnley, after he had dribbled past six or seven defenders; nor Ernie Hunt's free kick for Coventry City against Everton, after Willie Carr had scooped the ball up between his boots. We talked *about that at school for* weeks, and practised it as well, without much success.

Two really great goals commend themselves. Lee's return to Maine Road in early 1975, as a Derby County player, is well-known. He scored the winner in a 2-1 victory, cutting in from the left touchline to shoot into the far corner and send Barry Davies, the television commentator, into some far-away verbal galaxy: *"Just look at his face!"* Derby won the championship that season, and Lee, released by City the previous August, played a significant part in their triumph.

Zbigniew Boniek, the Pole, was another marvellous striker of the ball. In March 1983, I travelled on spec to Birmingham to watch the European champions, as Aston Villa were *then,* play Juventus. The Italians won 2-1 but it was not even close. Michel Platini, a truly great player, was in his pomp and delivered the best pass I have ever seen, with the outside of his right foot, for Boniek to volley Juventus's second. Boniek had done nothing until that point, and did little afterwards. It was a magnificent goal.

Yet the man who claims my prize was not a professional at all. Tim Turner was a gifted schoolboy at Repton, poached — like many a teenage player before him — by "Scotty" *Cheshire, the master of Brook* House, who supported Chelsea and later wrote a history of the club. Scotty was one of the men who made public schools great, and his house *never knowingly turned out a* duff cricket or football team.

Turner came from Chesterfield, where his father had apparently established the first Toyota dealership in *England, and,* in November 1974, he scored a wonderful solo goal on a frozen pitch to win a senior house match. In the same team was one Charles Sale, who instructed his team-mates at one point to "get a grip, we're letting Henderson run this match," setting standards of veracity he maintains to this day as a sportswriter on *The Express.*

The execution of Turner's goal, as he kept his footing on the treacherous surface to shoot beyond a hapless goalkeeper, has come back to haunt me in recent years. It serves as a reminder of the *pain of defeat, something* reporters often overlook in their cold summaries of matches, and of how good even the most ordinary pro is. Turner was a good enough batsman to cane *Cheltenham* College for a big hundred that summer, and a pretty decent footballer, but he never went beyond that level.

So there it is, a goal to *remember. I was not "on target"* that day but if anybody wants to know about the senior house match final the following year, there's a tale worth telling.

FOOTBALL

Keane marches in as Ferguson's soldier of fortune

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

THE ability of Manchester United to stay in the European Cup Champions' League, which generates little short of £100 million, could rest on the immense hunger of Roy Keane in their midfield, *on the slender stealth of Alen* Boksic in the attack of Juventus, the European Cup holders ... but ultimately on the psychological games the managers play.

Alex Ferguson and his Juventus counterpart, Marcello Lippi, are agreed on one factor: that Keane, who missed the first encounter between their teams, which *the Italians won, in Turin, in* September, is the "soldier", or the "soul" of United's endeavour. *Lippi, his arrangements* distracted by a late arrival in the north of England caused by the harsh blast of winter yesterday, has lately proved a master of the art of sterility. His Juventus side, virtually rebuilt in the summer, has conceded seven goals in nine games in *Serie A* so far this season, but scored only 11. That speaks of the dreaded hand of caution; the overbearing organisation for which Italian champions were once renowned.

Which Juventus is coming to Old Trafford tonight? The one that beat Rapid Vienna 5-0 in the last round of Champions' League matches, or the one that surrendered 3-0 to Internazionale on home territory in the *Copa Italia* on Wednesday?

That defeat was, of course, *contrived. Juventus put out* half a team, clearly revealing their priority, and got back to basics with a scoreless home draw against AC Milan on Sunday night. Thus, they lost more than 24 hours in recuperation time compared to United, whose 1-0 victory over Arsenal arrested their most distressing sequence of the past two decades.

However, with *Juventus, it* is all about motivation. They need just one point to be mathematically sure of reaching the quarter-finals, are preparing for a prestige visit to Tokyo, where they meet *River Plate, of Argentina,* for the World Club Championship next Tuesday. Prestige does not pay nearly so many bills as the real thing in Europe.

Yet the onus is on United to attack the game, to show patience if Juventus frustrate them, but surely to be more courageous than in Turin, where they fired not one shot on goal.

There, Eric Cantona was a forlorn and isolated figure, snuffed out by the centre backs, Paolo Montero and Ciro Ferrara. "When I saw Cantona waving his arms and calling for support," Lippi said, "I knew it was going well for us." He also knew, when Ryan Giggs was withdrawn, blamed by his manager for loose passing, that United had lost self-belief.

Curiously, apart from the recall of Keane after suspension, Ferguson has gone to considerable lengths to praise the penetration, the electric runs, of Giggs. "Those runs with the ball tied to his feet excite you," Ferguson said on *Saturday. "He lifts the spirit,* ignites the crowd." Psychology? Ferguson is clever enough at it to have built an almost peerless decade for himself at Old Trafford. Thus, he *suggests it will do his team good* to have lost to Fenerbahçe: they will be better for having lost their unbeaten home record in Europe.

The Manchester United manager *talks* with passion of the need for the 50,000-plus crowd, even the freeloaders in the hospitality boxes, to let the Italians hear their voices. In return, Keane will respond with equal passion.

Providing he keeps it within bounds and stays on the field, Keane will be charged with suppressing the whiplash passing of Zinedine Zidane and Didier Deschamps, the Frenchman not at all put down by Cantona's derogatory description of him as "a water-carrier."

Keep the French quiet, stifle Juventus, and still you must beware the elegance of Alessandro Del Piero and the Croatian, Boksic.

He is a man for the European nights. While Lippi has rotated his full squad of 20 players in four European games, he cannot resist the scoring potency of Boksic, who has scored eight times in 16 European games, including the final itself, for Olympique Marseille. In Europe this season he has scored the solitary winner against United, the solitary winner against Fenerbahçe, and two of the five against Vienna.

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable; 4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — G Neville, D May, R Johnsen, D Irwin (or P Neville) — D Beckham, N Butt, R Keane, R Giggs — E Cantona — O-G Solskjaer.

JUVENTUS (probable; 4-3-3): A Peruzzi — M Torricelli, P Montero, C Ferrara, G Pessotto — A Di Livio, Z Zidane, D Deschamps — A Boksic, V Jugovic (or C Vieri), A Del Piero.

Referee: J Encinar (Spain).

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
Man Utd	4	2	0	2	4	2	6
Fenerbahçe	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
R Vienna	4	0	2	2	2	9	2

RESULTS: Juventus 1 Manchester United 0, Rapid Vienna 1 Fenerbahçe 1; Manchester United 2 Rapid Vienna 0; Fenerbahçe 0 Juventus 1; Rapid Vienna 1 Juventus 1; Fenerbahçe 0 Manchester United 2; Juventus 5 Rapid Vienna 0; Manchester United 0 Fenerbahçe 1.

MATCHES TO COME: Today: Manchester United v Juventus, Fenerbahçe v Rapid Vienna. Dec 4: Rapid Vienna v Manchester United; Juventus v Fenerbahçe.

Keane: aggression

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Terry Venables celebrates his new job with David Hill, chairman of Soccer Australia, yesterday. Report, page 52

Liverpool's eyes on the summit

LIVERPOOL, who will go to the top of the FA Carling Premiership if they win the Merseyside derby at Anfield tonight, have not beaten Everton in their last four meetings, a trend that Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is understandably keen to reverse.

"On one hand we've got to make sure we don't get too carried away by the occasion, but on the other we have to show passion and pride, especially after last year when Everton beat us at home," he said yesterday.

Andrei Kanchelskis, who scored both Everton's goals at Anfield last season, is a certain starter, but Joe Royle, the Everton manager, is not completely sold on retaining an unchanged side, despite the 7-1 win over Southampton on Saturday, and may find room for Duncan Ferguson.

Pressman backs overseas aid

By Our Sports Staff

THEY may not rival the likes of Vialli, Zola and Ravanelli in terms of status or earnings, but Sheffield Wednesday's imported players could help their club to a place in Europe, according to Kevin Pressman, the Wednesday goalkeeper.

Orlando Trustfull, Wednesday's Dutch midfield player, and Benito Carbone, their Italian playmaker, scored their first FA Carling Premiership goals on Monday night in a 2-0 victory over Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough that ended a run of ten league and cup games withut a win. With Regi Blinker, Trustfull's compatriot, also excelling by setting up chances from the wing, Pressman believes that Wednesday can now challenge for a Uefa Cup place.

"Regi did well last year, while Orlando and Benny have come in this season, and all three have settled in very quickly," Pressman said, after watching Mark Crossley, his opposite number, keep Forest in a contest in which they were second best throughout.

"Benny has settled down very quickly, and has shown that he is a top-class performer. It's now just a question of getting that consistency and making sure that we grind out the results when we aren't playing so well.

"We've just lacked that killer instinct, because we have been playing well recently, but it was important that we started winning again. Now we can start looking to build, and a European place is something we've got to aim for because it's so tight at the moment."

Forest have now gone 12 Premiership matches without a win since their opening-day success away to Coventry City, and have scored just ten league goals. Crossley admits that the team is going though a crisis of confidence. "It's all about getting that win to restore our belief," he said. "It will probably come with a lucky 1-0 win, but we will take anything at the moment.

"Training is the same as ever and the spirit is good, but when we get out on the park we struggle, and it's something we've got to solve quickly."

Wednesday, meanwhile, have been worried by news that Wayne Collins, their midfield player, may need surgery to repair the groin problem that has sidelined him for nine matches.

Collins, a summer signing from Crewe Alexandra, was influential as Wednesday opened the season with four successive victories, but was injured when Arsenal inflicted their first defeat in mid-September. He came through two reserve-team matches last week, but has since felt a reaction, and David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said that Collins may now need an operation.

TENNIS

Outspoken Smith to lead from the front

By Our Sports Staff

SAM SMITH, of Essex, who upset Lawn Tennis Association officials at Telford last week by suggesting that women's tennis in Britain was in a bad way, will lead the Britain squad in the European team championships at Redbridge Sports Centre this weekend.

The British No 1 will be joined by Clare Wood, national champion on three occasions, Megan Miller, 19, of *Yorkshire, and Rachel Viollet,* of Lancashire.

Britain, who are in the first division, will compete against Poland, Denmark and Spain, with the winners of the group, *played on a round-robin format,* gaining promotion to the champions' division. The second team in the group remain in the first division with the bottom two being relegated.

Smith and Wood both played in the competition last year, when Britain finished second to Slovakia. Smith will definitely play at first string but Ann Jones, the team captain, may not decide on the second singles player until she has seen her team in practice.

Viollet, daughter of the former Manchester United footballer, Dennis Viollet, has a higher world ranking than Wood, but has not been in such good form recently.

☐ Sweden have named an unchanged team for the Davis Cup final against France, which will be Stefan Edberg's last professional appearance. Edberg's colleagues are Thomas Enqvist, the world No 9, and the doubles specialists, Nicklas Kulti and Jonas Bjorkman.

BOXING

Ayers must take the initiative

MICHAEL AYERS, the British lightweight champion, from Tooting, meets Colin *Dunne, of Holloway, in a bout* that could turn out to be "the fight of the year", at the Wembley Conference Centre tonight (Srikumar Sen writes).

Even though the men have had almost the same number of contests — Ayers 22 and Dunne 21 — Ayers, aged 31, is the more experienced. He challenged a good champion in Giovanni Parisi, of Italy, for the World Boxing Organisation title and gave a good account of himself. He won the British title by stopping Paul Burke in six rounds and disposed of three challengers inside the distance.

Dunne, 26, is unbeaten with 16 of his bouts ending inside the distance. While his opponents have not been quite of the same quality as those of Ayers, he has one impressive result, beating Jonathan Thaxton in five rounds when boxing for the southern area title.

Stamina is very likely to be the decisive factor in the bout. Ayers is believed to be having trouble making the weight and Dunne has an incredible work rate that could have Ayers in trouble if he does not take control in the first half.

Joe Calzaghe, the unbeaten Welsh super-middleweight, of whom great things are expected, has decided to leave Micky Duff, his manager, and box on Frank Warren's promotions. Calzaghe's contract has nine months to run with Duff, who has put the matter in the hands of his solicitors.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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European Cup Champions' League

Group A

Ajax v Auxerre
Rangers v GC Zurich

Group B

Steaua Bucharest v Atletico Madrid
Widzew Lodz v Borussia Dortmund

Group C

Fenerbahçe v Rapid Vienna
Manchester United v Juventus

Group D

FC Porto v AC Milan
Rosenborg v IFK Gothenburg

FA Carling Premiership

Liverpool v Everton (7.45)

Nationwide League

First division

Charlton v Birmingham (7.45)
Stoke v Wolverhampton (7.45)

Second division

Millwall v Shrewsbury (7.45)

Third division

Hull v Torquay

Spalding Cup

Second round

Gateshead v Morecambe (7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock v Nuneaton; Salisbury v Merthyr (7.45), Sittingbourne v Cambridge City (7.45). Midland division: Evesham v Tamworth. Paget R v Stourbridge; VS Rugby v Corby. Southern division: Bashley v Waterlooville: Dartford v Fisher London, Fareham v Weymouth; St Leonards v Havant.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton v Frickley. Cup: Second round replay: Boston v Lincoln United.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Southampton v Arsenal. League Cup: Oxford Utd v Cardiff; Portsmouth v Bournemouth (7.0); Swindon v Bristol Rovers (2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Tranmere v Oldham (7.0). First division: Aston Villa v Leicester (at Walsall FC, 7.0). Port Vale v Coventry (7.0); Preston v Blackpool (7.0); Sunderland v West Bromwich (at Durham City FC, 7.0). Second division: Grimsby v Wrexham (7.0); Mansfield v Manchester City (7.0). Bradford v Burnley (7.0). Third division: Wigan v Bury (7.0)

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Bideford.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford v Brache Sparta. O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers Challenge Trophy: Second round: London Colney v Winslow.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Worcester v Shirley.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Shortwood v Tuffley

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Newcastle Town; Penrith v Prescot cables; St Helens v Bootle.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Ettingshall HT v Darlaston. League Cup: Second round replay: Ludlow T v Hill Top R.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Petersfield v Christchurch.

WELSH FA CUP: Third round replays: Rhayader v Briton Ferry; Ebbw Vale v Cefn Druids

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Bolton v Derby County; Peterborough v Stevenage, Welling v Wolverhampton; Cambridge Utd v Colchester; Plymouth v Brighton, Croydon v Gravesend and Northfleet; Wycombe v *Corinthian*; Fulham v Gillingham. First round replay: Borcham Wood v Enfield.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Lea Valley v *Harlow (at Ware Town).* FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Humberside v *Lincolnshire (at Outbell Park).* Under-16: Humberside v Lincolnshire (at Scunthorpe FC, 2.0) English Knowles Cup: Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire (at Woodside Stadium)

RUGBY UNION

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Counties of Origin Series

London Counties v Argentina XV (at Twickenham, 2.0)

North Counties v Queensland (at Huddersfield)

Western Counties v South Africa A (at Exeter)

Anglo-Welsh Cup
Pool 2A

London Irish v Ebbw Vale

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (in Glasgow)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Crystal Palace v Derby (8.0); Birmingham v Leicester (8.30). 7-Up Trophy: Manchester v Chester (7.0); Thames Valley v Worthing (8.0).

BOXING: British lightweight championship: Michael Ayers (Tooting, holder) v Colin Dunne (Holloway) (at Wembley Conference Centre)

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Ayr v Sheffield (6.30).

REAL TENNIS: British Open (at Queen's Club).

SNOOKER: *UK championship (at Preston).*

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MANSFIELD: International match: England 1 China 4 (England names first: Men: singles: P Knowles (Kent) lost to Ji Xing-Peng 15-11 7-15 9-15. Doubles: C Hunt (Lancashire) and J Quinn (Middlesex) lost to Zheng Jung and Min Zhenywe 17-15, 12-15, 11-15. Women: Singles: T Woodward (Sussex) lost to W Human 2-11 3-11. Doubles: S Hardaker (Kent) and E Chaffin (Surrey) lost to Liu Zhong and Huang Nanyan 8-15 7-15. Mixed doubles: N Robertson (Northants) and Hardaker bt C Wei and L Lutang 18-17 15-12). England lead six-match series 3-2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Vancouver 83 Sacramento 84

BOWLS

EGHAM TROPHY (All-England mixed inter-club championship): First round: *Concordia bt Ashington 82-63; Hebburn bt* Tynedale 79-74, South Shields bt Gateshead 88-75, Cumbria bt Blackpool Borough 91-67. Copeland bt Swinton 112-57: Blackpool Newton Hall bt Old Mill Leisure 78-75; Selby bt Hull 83-62; Richardsons bt New Earswick 95-72; York bt Barnsley Metrodome 100-60; Huddersfield bt Scarborough 81-76, Lincoln bt East Lindsey 100-50; Dunholme bt Sleaford 81-68; Boston bt Addlethorpe 116-60; West Lindsey bt Stamford 83-79; Melton Mowbray bt Barwell 82-76, Nottingham bt Rushcliffe 119-47, Leicester wo Ashfield scr; South Forest bt Carlton 127-51, Cambridge Chesterton bt Huntingdon and Godmanchester 87-75; City of Ely bt March 83-68; Cambridge and County of Ross Peers 97-76; Peterborough bt Brandon 76-71; Wellingborough bt St Neots 81-71; Northampton bt Bedford Borough 122-52; Rushden Town bt Kettering 106-67; Kingsthorpe bt Lawson Park 85-72; Pinewood Park bt Old Hall 104-50; Lakeside bt Hunstanton 101-56; North Walsham bt Roundwood 108-62; Diss bt Shotford 85-57; *Wymondham Dell bt* Norfolk 89-73, Browston Hall bt Acle 83-71; Ipswich bt mid Suffolk 91-84; Beccles bt Sudbury 80-79; Haverhill bt Lowestoft Railway 77-61. Sole Bay bt Felixstowe 84-64; *Essex County* bt Southend 90-62; Stonyhill bt Clacton 82-57: Colchester bt Towerlands 97-74; Tilbury bt Jacks Centre 82-71. Mansfield bt Paddington 95-76; *Glebelands bt Picketts Lock 73-58;* Desborough bt Foxhill 87-60; Oxford City and County bt Luton 75-68; Handy Cross bt Stoke Mandeville 98-59; Brackley Westminster bt Stevenage 70-69: Watford w/o Slade scr; Herts bt Hatfield 91-59; Herga bt Cherwell 75-72; Gosling bt Banbury Cross 84-81; Erdington Court bt Rugby Thornfield 93-59; Solihull bt Birmingham 79-76. *Bromsgrove bt Welford-on-Avon* 87-86, Avon Valley bt Tamworth 88-62; Bentham bt Chipping Norton 83-67; Cotswold bt Park Hall 80-70; Malvern Hills bt Fairford 86-72; Perdiswell bt Canterton 102-70; King George Field bt Elmbridge 101-53; Mole Valley bt Jack Hi 99-48, Sutton bt Donyngs 97-62; Loddon Vale bt Chawton Park 86-62; Camberley bt Rushmoor 94-85. Folkeston *bt Oyster 81-58, Prince Arthur bt Kentish* Ladies 103-62; Royal Tunbridge Wells bt North Kent 114-60, Angel (Tonbridge) bt Dartford Stone Lodge 74-73, Adur bt Wealden 106-63; Horsham bt Knole Road 94-60. Eastbourne bt Grattons 88-75, Havant bt Isle of Wight 87-79; Five Rivers bt Arun 86-70, Atherley bt Banister Park 89-53, Dorchester bt Stour Vale 109-59; Moonfleet bt Isle of Purbeck 99-75; Bridport bt East Dorset 80-71; Northaven bt Frome 120-53; North Wilts bt Clevedon 81-58. Nailsea bt Yate 82-72. Fosseway bt Clarie Dunber 97-82; British Cellophane bt Donyatt 88-75. Ilminster bt Minehead 87-73, Taunton Deane bt Taunton 82-75: Victoria (Street) bt Woodspring 88-85. Teignbridge bt Honiton 101-54; Exmna bt Torbay 92-57; Padbrook Park bt Budleigh Salterton 91-72. Isca bt Torquay United 83-82. Cammoggas bt Plymouth Mayflower 84-69. Caradon bt Veryan 89-77. Bodmin bt Newquay 88-75. Plymouth Civil Service bt West Cornwall 95-72

HOUGUE DE POMMIER: Women's indoor international match: Guernsey bt England 14-8 (Guernsey names first: Triples: B Hurford, J Martel, J Nicolle bt S Hazell, L Thomas, D Hankin 22-13. K Renouf, J Baglin, C Ingrouille bt N Edwards, J Coulson, M Steele 17-9. Pairs: Hurford, Nicolle bt Edwards, Thomas 20-16; Baglin, Ingrouille lost to Coulson, Steele 20-24; Renouf, Martel lost to Hazell, Hankin 9-25. *Singles: Martel* lost to Thomas 4-7, 3-7, 1-7. Nicolle bt Edwards 7-4, 7-3, 7-0. Baglin bt Hazel 7-5, 7-5, 7-4, Renouf bt Steele 7-0, 7-6, 7-3. Ingrouille lost to Coulson 7-6, 2-7, 7-0, 5-7, 4-7; Hurford bt Hankin 5-7, 7-4, 3-7, 7-2)

CRICKET

SAHIWAL: Tour match (final day of three): New Zealander 171 and 211-7 dec (B A Young 73), Pakistan Cricket Board XI 193-7 dec and 41-0. Match drawn

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Sheffield Wednesday 2 Nottingham Forest 0

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Hyde United v Blyth Spartans. League Cup. Second round. Ashton 0 Guiseley 2

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagenham and Redbridge 1 Dulwich 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Luton 5 Norwich 0

FA YOUTH CUP: First round. Rotherham 3 Barnsley 1: Everton 3 Nuneaton 0, Walsall 3 Bromsgrove 0

SCHOOLS MATCH: English schools Fuji Film trophy: Third round: Eastleigh 0 Aldershot 1. FA Premier League Trophy: Under-16: Leicestershire 1 Nottinghamshire 1

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 6 Valladolid 1

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independiente 1 Gimnasia Jujuy 0: Huracan Corrientes 2 Racing 3, Velez 0 Estudiantes 2, Ferro 1 Lanus 2; Gimnasia La Plata 1 Rosario Central 2; Union 0 Platense 1: Banfield 3 Boca 1. Huracan 1 Deportivo Español 0. River 4 San Lorenzo 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Juventude 3 Botafogo 5; Bragantino 3 São Paulo 4. Corinthians 1 Goias 1. Flamengo 3 Fluminense 1, Vasco 4 Criciuma 2; Palmeiras 2 Atletico-MG 0; Portuguesa 1 Internacional 2. Santos 3 Atletico-PR 2, Vitoria 0 Guarani 1. Parana 2 Bahia 1; Gremio 0 Coritiba 2; Cruzeiro 3 Sport 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston 4 San Jose 2; Florida 2 Washington 4, Calgary 5 New York Rangers 3

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Lamb British Open championship (GB unless stated): N Pendrigh bt A Lyons 3-6, 5-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1. F Sheldon bt R Dery (Aus) 6-0, 6-2, 6-0

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Cambridge Univ 13 W Samoa XV 14

Cambridge University: Tries: Bramley, Garfield. Pen: Ashforth. Western Samoa XV: Tries: Fabalota, Vaega. Cons: Tanoai 2

UNDER-21 MATCH: Cancelled: Leinster v New Zealand News

CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Richmond v Combined Universities

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Cup: Under-18: Second round: Rossall 66 Keswick 5. Other match: Royal Dungannon 11 RBAI 22

SNOOKER

PRESTON: UK championship: First round (England unless stated): G Wilkinson bt E Morgan 9-2; A Hamilton bt Q Hann (Aus) 9-3. J Parrott bt N Noppachorn (Thai) 9-4. S Davis bt J Burnett (Scot) 9-5. S Ali (Pak) bt J Ferguson 9-4. M Clark bt T Jones 9-6. A McManus (Scot) bt I Sargeant (Wales) 9-6. D Gray bt D Harold 9-6

SQUASH

KARACHI: World Open: Second round: Zubair Jahan Khan (Pak) bt A Hill (Aus) 15-8, 10-15, 15-4, 13-15, 15-12; D Rowland (Aus) bt D Harris (Eng) 15-14, 15-13, 15-7; *C Walker (Eng)* bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) 15-6, 15-12, 15-11. P Nicol (Scot) bt Ahmed Barada (Egypt) 12-15, 15-2, 9-15, 15-9, 15-13; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt J Power (Can) 15-13, 15-13, 15-4. R Eyles (Aus) bt M Cairns (Eng) [illegible], 15-11, 15-10, 15-9

TENNIS

HANOVER: Men's tournament: Round robin: White group: R Krajicek (Holl) bt M Chang (US) 6-4, 6-4. Red group: B Becker (Ger) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 7-5

NEW YORK: Women's tournament: First round: I Majoli (Cro) bt A Huber (Ger) 7-5, 6-3. L Davenport (US) bt B Paulus (Austria) 6-3, 6-2. M Hingis (Swit) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-1, 6-2

TENNIS

Krajicek's power play too strong for Chang

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HANOVER

THE three hours or so that it took Richard Krajicek and Boris Becker, the respective champions of Wimbledon and Australia, to win their opening round-robin matches in the world championship of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), provided rich entertainment for the mere 15,000 crowd at the Messehalle exhibition centre here yesterday.

Michael Chang, the US Open finalist this year and runner-up to Becker in this event last year, and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion, were sent packing in straight sets, each groping to try to contain his opponent's power.

During practice, Becker and Goran Ivanisevic had said that the synthetic court was "slowish". Not for some. Krajicek yesterday made it seem like an ice rink. Chang, who has one of the best two-handed service returns in the game, could not handle the barrage from this 6ft 5in cannon that included 20 aces in a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Krajicek, the first Dutchman to hold the Wimbledon title, said that this was his best performance since. None would contradict him. In such circumstances, every point on his own service was critical for Chang if he were to stay in the match, and it could be said that this turned on two points in particular. A double fault at 3-3 and 30-30 in the first set gave Krajicek break point, which he secured in a rally, Chang netting a forehand. The other was controversial.

At 1-1 in the second set, a forehand by Chang was called out. An instant replay, provided by a huge, four-sided video screen, suspended above the court, showed the bounce to have been two inches inside the baseline. Tennis, thankfully, has not allowed decision-reversal with television evidence, however dramatic this may be for television voyeurs. The point stood. Krajicek hit a forehand return winner from Chang's next second service, and, a break-game up, was effectively home and dry.

Chang was far more philosophical afterwards than Carl, his brother and coach, who fumed at ATP officials. "Yes, it probably cost me the match, but people are going to make mistakes," Michael said, graciously. He denied that seeing immediate video evidence had doubled his grief.

The world championship is a kind of Rolls-Royce club, the players being especially composed and proud to be among their seven elite peers. "It is nice to be here," Chang said, observing that, to win a grand-slam event, whatever the prestige, you do not, as here, have to play five of the world's top eight. Despite Krajicek's power, he considers that the surface is fairly balanced towards baseliners.

Krajicek agreed that the bad call had helped him. It allowed him, thereafter, to serve at maximum pressure in the knowledge that he had the protection of a game in hand. It would seem that his relative slump after Wimbledon, his only title of the year — "I needed to get used to the experience", he has said lightheartedly — was caused by continuing problems with his knees, arising from twisting from such a height. Surgery would not necessarily resolve the problem.

Becker, who is 29 on Friday, triumphed 6-4, 7-5 and looked as formidable as ever, his shaven ginger-head as sleek as the radiator of the bespoke automobile that pays a fortune for his endorsement. On this form, he is as hard to escape as a shark in a 50-metre swimming pool. Kafelnikov, who willingly conceded nothing, at times was left perplexed, shaking his head.

MICHAEL PROBST

Krajicek approached his best form in the defeat of Chang in Hanover yesterday

Eager Hingis soon blossoms among Big Apple's finest

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

NOT much stays the same here. No sooner has one building been torn down than another two have replaced it, and the bits that survive more than a couple of years are constantly being revamped, patched up and painted. As most New Yorkers will tell you, this will be a great town once it is finished.

It seems, too, that women's tennis is getting the hang of New York. For so many years, it has been regarded as a two-women show — Evert and Navratilova, Graf and Seles — but at last the skyline is changing. While the old guard waved goodbye to Gabriela Sabatini at Madison Square Garden on Monday night — after 12 years on the circuit and 27 titles, the best that they could come up with for a retirement present was a karaoke machine — the younger, more impatient members of the Women's Tennis Association Tour were itching to get on with things.

Martina Hingis, at 16 the youngest player in the Chase championships, was the quickest of the bunch, taking just 40 minutes to demolish Irina Spirlea 6-1, 6-2. Spirlea, from Romania, is an infuriating, inconsistent player, blowing hot and cold in every match. On Monday, for a change, she was the same from start to finish: awful. Then again, she never had a chance. Hingis was efficient, ordered and precise.

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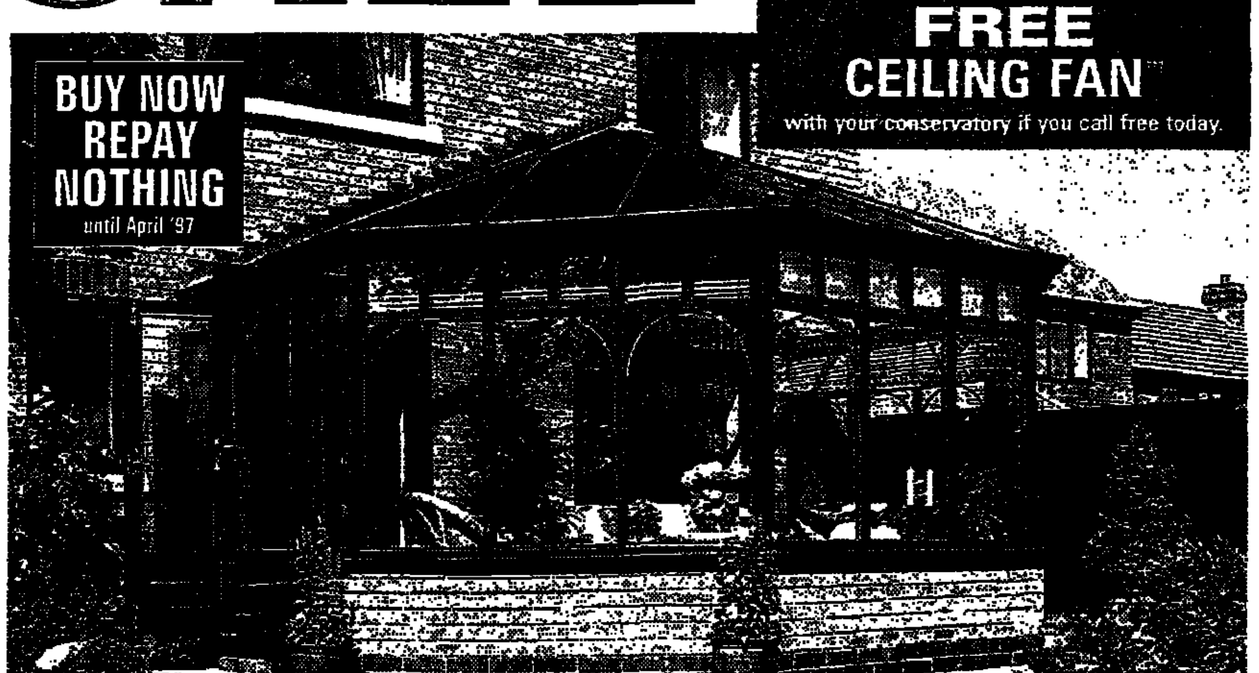
To qualify for this event was one of Hingis's goals for the year. Now ranked No 5 in the world, she has not only achieved her aim, but is also now being tipped as a possible title contender. This has not escaped Hingis, a confident Swiss lass who knows her own worth.

"It is surprising how well I am playing right now," she said, "but I am happy with the way it is. If I play like that, there are not so many things to improve any more. I even served an ace at 103mph for the first time. It's been a good experience so far."

Anke Huber, the No 6 seed, pushed Graf to five sets in the final last year, but on Monday she was polished off in the first round, 7-5, 6-3, by Iva Majoli. The German seemed intent on self-destruction from the start, serving a handful of double faults to go 4-1 down. She tried to scramble her way back into the match, but by midway through the second set she knew that it was all over.

The win was something of a breakthrough for Majoli. At the end of last year, she hit the indoor circuit with style, but once the circuit moved outdoors again, her game fell apart. Still, at 19, the Croatian knows that she has time enough to improve, and with her first win in three visits to the championships, she is happy enough for now.

Lindsay Davenport is quite content, too. The Olympic champion has had a difficult couple of years since she first became America's top-ranked female player, but things seem to be getting better at last. On Monday, she took a mere 50 minutes to beat Barbara Paulus, from Austria, 6-3, 6-2.



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RUGBY UNION

Cambridge come close to upsetting lacklustre Samoans

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Western Samoa XV 14

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR ago, almost to the day, Western Samoa came to Grange Road, played far too lackadaisically and lost to an inspired Cambridge University by eight points. Yesterday, amid driving rain and biting wind, they came within a hand's breadth of the same fate. It was as if the heroics of their display against Ireland a week earlier had never been.

Pat Lam, who captained the side in both games, must wonder what it is about the Cambridge air. In fact his team scored two comparatively simple tries in the first 11 minutes (the first after only 28 seconds) and may have believed that victory could be earned without working for it, but this Cambridge team has been built in adversity and they give little away.

Anyone seeking a form guide for the University match next month — which is poised to draw a record crowd of more than 70,000 — may recall that Oxford lost to a very different Samoan XV 58-27 earlier this month. Comparisons are always odious, but there appears to be a solidity to the Light Blue pack that Oxford have yet to establish, and Cambridge have still to decide on the best combination in their back row.

But it is behind the scrum that Cambridge have suffered a string of debilitating injuries: only now, with just two games remaining before Twickenham, are they close to their potential back division and there are hopes that Nick Walne, the Welsh Blue, will prove his fitness this week.

The students, well organised at the lineout and powerful at the set scrum — Tony Rodgers, their coach, believes this to be one of the most powerful Cambridge packs for years — dug their way back into the match after their torrid start.

And when Ashforth kicked a close-range penalty goal to bring the scores to within a point, another surprise defeat loomed for the Samoans. Here, though, they had enough in hand to be able to spurn two tryscoring chances and still stay in front.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Bramley, Garfield. Penalty goal: Ashforth. Western Samoa XV: Tries: Vaega, Fatialofa. Conversions: Tanoa'i (2).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: R Phillips (Llanharri and Homerton); M Garfield (Maesteg CS and Fitzwilliam), * M Singer (Wycliffe College and Homerton), N Hill (St Ignatius, Sydney and St Edmund's), S Lippiett (Portsmouth GS and Corpus Christi); * R Ashforth (Bradford GS and Peterhouse), * B Ryan (Wimbledon College and Homerton); G Reynolds (Cheshunt and Homerton), T Murphy (St Joseph's, Nudgee and St Edmund's), P Godfrey (RGS Worcester and St John's), * M Hyde (St Ignatius, Sydney and St Edmund's), * R Bramley (QEGS Wakefield and St Edmund's), A Craig (Tauranga College, Waikato and Hughes Hall), * R Earnshaw (Yarm and St John's), J Cocks (Newington College, Sydney and St Edmund's). Earnshaw replaced by J Griffiths (Crossley Heath, Halifax, and St Edmund's, 54min); Godfrey replaced by * M Cox (St Columba's College, Dublin and Hughes Hall, 57); Ryan replaced by N Thwaites (Bradford GS and Jesus, 65); J Edwards (Cooper's Co and Coburn and St Catherine's) temporary replacement for Murphy (39-40). * denotes a Blue.

WESTERN SAMOA XV: M Leopolu; P Fili, M Fatialofa, T Vaega, V Tuigamala; F Tanoa'i, V Vitale; R Ale, T Leota, A Le'uu, S Vaili, P Leavasa, O Palepoi, K Tolesfoa, P Lam. Vaili replaced by J Paramore (57min); Tanoa'i replaced by T Fanolua (57); Ale replaced by B Reidy (62); Le'uu replaced by Ale (68).

Referee: N Cousins (London).

Answers from page 48

IMAGO
(c) The final and perfect stage of an insect after it has gone through all its metamorphoses. For example, a butterfly. Say, "Ah," as your sister finally emerges from the bathroom, dolled up to receive her latest fungible (replacement boyfriend). "So we have the ultimate imago — until tomorrow."

VIRAGO
(c) A fierce, bad-tempered woman. A termagant. The derivation is from *vir* a man. So a virago is a mannish woman. The implication that being mannish is tantamount to being bad-tempered and violent is unkind to males. *Termagant* is a better word. And its derivation is more fun. It comes from *Tir-majian* a Persian lord or god. The Crusaders confused his followers with their enemies, the Moslems. The Termagant became a stock villain of the medieval stage. *Hamlet*: "I could have such a fellow whipped for o'erdoing Termagant." Then he changed sex, because his Eastern robes were like those worn by European women.

GLEBOUS
(a) Earthy, full of clods or sods. From the Latin *glēba*. English *glebe* a clod or sod.

RHONCHISONANT
(b) Snoring or snorting. From the Latin. Everybody snores, but few thank you for noticing it. *Rhonchisonant* will sound a lot better than those descriptions you are supposed to put for yourself in the Personal ads intended to arrange introductions with the opposite sex. If you have to advertise, you are in the wrong business.

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The strings of pearls

The Welsh Triple Harp. *Radio 2, 8.00pm.*

The reporter Frank Hennessy and his producer Eli Williams, working from the BBC's Cardiff studios and therefore being within plucking distance of their source material, have put together a delightful programme about the rise, fall, and rise again of the Welsh triple harp with its three sets of strings. Apparently, it is the very devil to play, though an old saying has it that it is the Welsh harp that soars to heaven and the Irish harp that dips down to hell. "Play as if pearls are dripping from your fingers", the Welsh harp's only full-time professional exponent, Robin Hugh Bowen, was told by his gypsy tutor. In the couple of pieces he plays tonight, there are enough pearls to make a necklace.

Sensational Women. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

In this three-way (Sarah Dunant, Celia Brayfield, Kate Finch) dissection of the novels of the Victorian/Edwardian writer Rhoda Broughton, the least dependable measure of her shocking literary reputation is that Lewis Carroll wouldn't attend any dinner party which had her name on the guestlist. Since her books appealed almost entirely to women, it's odd that an Arctic expedition, presumably all-male, named a mountain after her. Though she is all but forgotten now, no writer who could say "there are days when heaven opens to us all but, to most of us, next day it shuts again" can be dismissed as démodé.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

7.00am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Bits from Last Weeks Radio, with Greg Proops **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, live from Manchester **12.00** Claire Sturgess; includes at **12.15am** The Net **4.00** Clive Warren, with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00am Martin Kelner **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** Jim Lloyd **8.00** The Welsh Triple Harp. See Choice **8.30** Burland's True Grit (3/3) **9.00** Tommy Makem's Irish Music (2/5) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Manchester United v Juventus and Rangers v Grasshoppers **10.05** The Baker Line **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours, with John Diamond **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. News on the hour.
5.30am Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Discovery **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.05** *World Business Report* **9.15** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.30** BBC English **10.45** *Off the Shelf* **11.30** Pick of the World **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Composer of the Month **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.05** Sports Roundup **3.15** Concert Hall **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sports Roundup **6.30** Discovery **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian On Screen **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.10** Science View **11.15** Country Style **11.30** Multitrack **12.30am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Assignment **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian Books **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G major, Op 58) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Haydn (Keyboard Sonata No 62 in E flat major, Hob XVI, 52) **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Concert. Liszt (Mazeppa); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 1 in D, Op 6); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat, Op 38, Spring); Stravinsky (The Firebird) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto in B minor); Ravel (Daphnis and Chloe Suite No 2)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Beethoven (Overture Egmont); Field (Piano Concerto No 5 in C, L'incendie par l'orage)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nick Morgan. Includes Nielsen (Prelude, Act 2, Maskarade); Rameau (In Convertendo); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Bartok and Kodaly. Includes Kodaly (The Battle and Defeat of Napoleon, Hary Janos and The Spinning Room, closing scene); Bartok (Piano Concerto No 1)
1.00pm News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. With Jane Chapman, harpsichordist, performing Jacquet de la Guerre (Suite in A minor); Louis Andriessen (Overture Orpheus); Ligeti (Continuum); Royer (La Marche des Scythes and Le Vertigo); Whitty (Vertigo, first broadcast)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Danzi (Flute Concerto No 3 in D minor)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Norwich Cathedral. Includes Introit: Locus iste (Bruckner); Responses (Nicholas); Psalms 49, 50 (Walmisley, Goss, Crow); First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 43, vv 13-end; Office Hymn: O God, thy soldiers' crown and guard. Organist and master of the music David Dunnett
5.00 The Music Machine. With Ensemble Bash, Tommy Pearson investigates drums in west Africa and the samba and mambo rhythms from Latin America.
5.15 In Tune. The English National Opera production of Zimmerman's *Die Soldaten* opened last night at the London Coliseum. Anthony Burton talks to the conductor Elgar Howarth and to American soprano Lisa Saffer
7.30 A Grand, Mysterious Harmony. Stephen Johnson and Bruckner scholars examine the assertion that after numbers three and four, the growing pains of Bruckner's new type of symphony were over. Includes a performance of the Symphony No 5 in B flat
9.00 Outriders. Dick Gaughan, uniting political protest and Scottish folk music
9.25 Zehetmair's Bach (r)
10.00 Voices. Poet A.E. Housman has been a source of inspiration for generations of British composers. Baritone William Dazeley and pianist and presenter Iain Burnside explore some of the settings, including a new one from Julian Philips
10.45 Night Waves. Includes first night news of Peter Oswald's new verse-play *Fair Ladies at a Game of Poem Cards* based on an 18-century Japanese puppet play
11.30 Composers of the Week: Cherubini and Spontini (r)
12.20am Jazz Notes. The BBC Big Band in session with Stan Tracey
1.00am Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves
10.00 News; Sensational Women (FM) See Choice (4/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Questions Time, with Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Claire Catford
12.25pm Colville and Soames. The final part of Christopher Lee's mystery drama starring Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Sons of Molly. by John P. Rooney. Set in the Pennsylvania coal-mines in the 1870s. With Des McAleer, Andrew Connolly and Ian McElhinney (3/3)
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen and guest Susie Maguire
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees the opening night of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and talks to Robert Altman about his new film *Kansas*
4.45 Short Story: The Colonel and the Professor, by David Wong. When an officer meets his old teacher during a mass protest, he faces the ultimate test. Read by Kim Wall
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Quote... Unquote. Neil Mullarkey, Jennifer Paterson, Anton Rodgers and Ann Thwaite join Nigel Rees for the quotation quiz. Quotations read by Peter Dickson (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Milestones. Lesley Riddoch chairs the discussion programme which this week looks at 22 October 1969 and the "no fault" Divorce Act
8.20 Going Back. The programme in which people revisit places they have lived that have profoundly influenced their lives. A Ugandan Asian, expelled in 1972, returns to her mother-country (r)
9.00 Costing the Earth. The environmental magazine programme with Mark Whittaker
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime. Lady Chatterley's Confessions, by Elaine Feinstein. Read by Amanda Root (8/10)
11.00 The Shuttleworths
11.15 Hearing with Hegley. With Nigel and the Popticians
11.30 Trust (FM). Wendy Lee's satire about NHS trusts. With Margi Clarke, Keith Allen and Nerys Hughes (3/5) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News, by E. Annie Proulx (8/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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Meet Kevin, the misunderstood Maxwell

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

The BBC's appetite for having its cake and eating it is clearly growing. First the same corporation that lavishes pomp and circumstance on every state event from Trooping the Colour down, serves up *Ruby Wax Meets the Duchess of York*. Now it has turned its two-faced attentions to Kevin Maxwell.

You remember Kevin Maxwell, roundly condemned a couple of weeks ago on BBC1 by Tom Bower's *Inside Story*? Well, meet Kevin Maxwell — family man, much misunderstood good egg and the star of **The Trial of Kevin Maxwell** (BBC1).

It was rather like watching a very long public apology for libel. It didn't quite begin: "Our recent programme may have inadvertently given the impression that Mr Kevin Maxwell was a crook..." or finish with a reference to "substantial damages" but, given the tone, it could easily have. Somewhere out there, there was something nasty called the media and Nadia Haggar, director and creator — on the evidence of this — of the haggarography, wanted no part in it. The media had been rotten to Kevin, you see, and that would never do.

Haggar made no attempt to answer the difficult questions that surround this case, such as how incompetent do you have to be before it becomes criminal? Or: just because Daddy says something, does that always make it right? And why should she? Both these questions were settled, in Maxwell's favour, in court. Instead, she concentrated on the personalities — the ever-so-apologetic Kevin, his forthright wife Pandora and their quite adorable eldest daughter, Tilly. When Tilly Maxwell follows family tradition and *takes over the world*... well, if I'm not too old by then, can I be Editor of the *Daily Mirror*?

For a while it looked as if this formula would be enough. Kevin was disarmingly contrite, apologising for "mistakes, errors of judgment, bad decisions" while insisting he had done nothing criminal. Pandora, a woman of strong opinions, revealed enough waspish charm to explain why she gets on well with High Court judges and why, when it comes to a fight, you'd want her on your side. As for Tilly she was busy cheering everyone up. Mummy and Daddy had a new baby on the way ("not ideal timing," Pandora observed), their sixth. "I'm pleased," said the wise Tilly, "because whether the trial turns out good or bad, if there's a new baby in the house, there won't be time to be upset." Bless her.

As we all know, the trial *turned out good, which* resulted in a quite interminable final 30 minutes as Haggar tried desperately to inject some drama into a film that had long run its natural course. Unforgivably, this included a series of questions apparently designed to make Tilly cry. Now, keeping the camera running until an adult cries is par for the documentary course these days (Pandora's *father duly obliged a few minutes* later), but children? Shots don't come much cheaper, although the final, post-credit, postscript — "The media continues to judge them" — came close.

Over on BBC2, the latest instalment of **When Rover Met BMW** was subtitled *A Job for Life*, a commitment which the makers invited us to take literally for a good ten minutes... until a couple of old hands at Longbridge revealed that whatever the bright bods in personnel might say there was no such thing. "Jobs for life? No one get a job for life these days." But Rover apparently comes close, which is why they were queueing up in their thousands when Longbridge launched its first major recruitment drive for seven years.

They came — and sadly went — from all walks of life. A young sculptor, with A levels and a degree in art, proved particularly *good at the "assemble a cardboard* van" aptitude test but fell, unaccountably, by the wayside. Perhaps as revenge he could cut a Rover 200 in half, immerse it in pickling vinegar and then sell it for a fortune.

We were left with Craig, whose tattoos signalled his intention to become one of the lads; Vicky, who after her first shift ached in parts that could no longer be described as spare, and Waseem, who in his enthusiasm had made the fatal mistake of believing he could do the job faster than everyone else and then — oh dear — told them so during a meal break. His trainer tactfully urged him to slow down. "As soon as you've done one car, there's another one there ready, you'll never beat this." I have a feeling the point will have been made more forcibly once the cameras were switched off.

In search of late-night diversion, I stumbled across **Lumberjacks OK** (Channel 4), a programme so cheap that a commissioning editor ought to be feeling thoroughly ashamed of his or herself this morning. True, David "Kid" Jensen and someone called Georgey Spanswick have been flown out to Squamish (now there's a name not to try late at night), British Columbia, to commentate and make jokes about Canadians with big choppers, but one sparsely attended lumberjack meet (a chop-in?) has been turned into no fewer than six programmes. Last night's was dedicated to just the one event, springboard chopping, which looks about as silly as it sounds.

After endless unreadable graphics, a beginner's guide to logging and a tour of the Squamish railway museum, the competition was won by Karl, who chopped his way to the top in about 55 seconds. Karl was positively beside himself. "*That's the way it goes in lumberjack* sports sometimes." Next week, birling. Don't ask.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (85556) **7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax) (16827) **9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA** (Ceefax) (6003391)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1210198)

9.45 KILROY (s) (8762372)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK With chef Lesley Waters (s) (85372)

11.00 NEWS (Ceefax) (2555285)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW Consumer advice series (s) (4173204)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE *Sir Peter Hall* (s) (6990556)

12.00 NEWS (Ceefax) (4816285)

12.05pm POLICE RESCUE (s) (2526730)

12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (s) (51880778)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (19914)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14175914)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24086914)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (2117)

2.30 A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY (s) (594)

3.00 INCOGNITO (s) (4952)

3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (8160759) **3.50 CHUCKLEVISION** (8173223) **4.10 GET YOUR OWN BACK** (5573662) **4.35 THE QUEEN'S NOSE** (1721759) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (6276469) **5.10 BLUE PETER** (Ceefax) (s) (2398469)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (972310)

6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (223)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (575)

7.00 SMALL TALK Game show (6933)

7.30 HERE AND NOW Sue Lawley and the team present stories and investigations (Ceefax) (759)

8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Eamonn Holmes and Esther McVey reveal how Sean Connery was transformed into a dragon for his latest film *Dragonheart*. Plus, how doctors managed to save a jockey suffering from the worst injuries they had ever seen, and a chance to meet the *man responsible* for camouflaging the British Army (Ceefax) (s) (282827)

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW (346407)

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (9488)

9.30 THE X FILES: Quagmire with David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson on the trail of Big Blue, a legendary Loch Ness-style monster (Ceefax) (s) (742391)

10.15 HARRY ENFIELD AND CHUMS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (198285) **WALES: Kane's Wales**

10.45 SPORTSNIGHT Des Lynam introduces **Football:** highlights of the Merseyside derby between Liverpool and Everton; **Boxing:** coverage of the British lightweight championship; **Cricket:** a preview of England's tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand (s) (556730)

12.15am FILM: Carolina Skeletons (1991) with Louis Gossett Jr. A black US Marines officer returns to his childhood home in South Carolina, where his dying mother tells him he once had an elder brother who was executed for the murder of two white girls. He vows to prove his brother's innocence (550334) **WALES: Harry Enfield and Chums 12.45 FILM: Carolina Skeletons 2.15 News**

1.45 WEATHER (1065353)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Teletel (2356865) **6.25** Children and New Technology (2335372) **6.50** *Information* Technology (9062440) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (6194730) **7.30** Perils of Penelope Pitstop (4879407) **7.55** It'll Never Work (7390001) **8.20** Christopher Crocodile (8724117) **8.25** Monty (5602827) **8.35** The Record (6603020) **9.00** Daytime on Two: Le Café Des Reves (1221204) **9.25** See You, See Me (6080440) **9.45** Words and Pictures (2938056) **10.00** Playdays (42038) **10.30** Numbertime (3633662) **10.45** Watch Natural History (3638117) **11.00** Around Scotland (5164556) **11.20** Music Makers (7827020) **11.40** English Express (6913407) **12.00** German Globo (4814827) **12.05** Seeing Through Science (4781372) **12.30** Working Lunch (35865) **1.00** Geography Programme (88593515) **1.20** Thunderbirds In Hindi (38477407) **1.30** Heading South (34136) **2.00** Christopher Crocodile (46495204) **2.05** Monty (46494575)

2.10 THE CHAMPIONS (5519778)

3.00 NEWS (Ceefax) (4922643)

3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH NICK ROSS (Ceefax) (6427198)

3.55 NEWS (Ceefax) (5842391)

4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (s) (488) **4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK** (s) (372) **5.00 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW** (s) (Ceefax) (9039204) **5.40 MARY BERRY AT HOME** (s) (778681) **5.55 TURNING POINTS** (s) (673198)

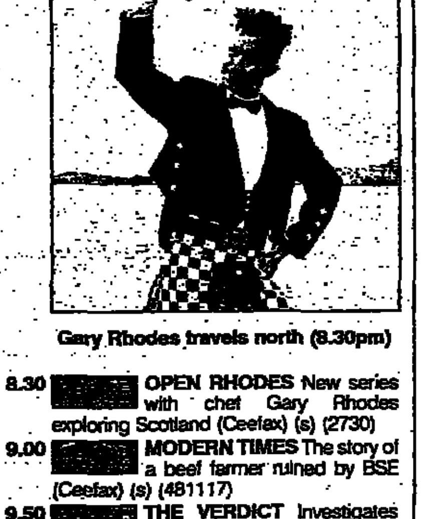
6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION (r) (Ceefax) (s) (314759)

6.45 TREV AND SIMON'S TRANSMISSION IMPOSSIBLE (s) (917204)

7.00 TESTAMENT: THE BIBLE IN ANIMATION (Ceefax) (s) (4575)

7.30 FROM THE EDGE (Ceefax) (s) (371)

8.00 TRUST ME I'M A DOCTOR An insider's guide to medical matters (Ceefax) (s) (3223)



Gary Rhodes travels north (8.30pm)

8.30 OPEN RHODES New series with chef Gary Rhodes exploring Scotland (Ceefax) (s) (2730)

9.00 MODERN TIMES The story of a beef farmer ruined by BSE (Ceefax) (s) (481117)

9.50 THE VERDICT Investigates the Crown Prosecution Service (Ceefax) (S) (269643)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (124169)

11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (638204)

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (s) (61841)

12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: O U: FAIR TRADING (47773) **1.00 SELLING** (11421) **1.30 BUDGETING** (35599) **2.00 NEWSFILE** (45150) **4.00 ENGLISH HERITAGE** (46792) **4.30 MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS** (39006) **5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK** (84889) **5.30 THE ADVISER** (62570)

CHOICE

Open Rhodes: The Highlands

BBC2, 8.30pm

Succeeding the two fat ladies in the Wednesday cookery slot comes one slim gent. Gary Rhodes, of the spiky gelled hair, is back on the road with more carefully rehearsed visits to outposts of the nation. Achiltibuie is more of an outpost than most, a Scottish village 90 minutes from the nearest cinema or supermarket. Rhodes's visit is also more carefully orchestrated than usual, for it so happens that Achiltibuie *needs a new village hall and the celebrity* chef might just be able to help. If this goes on they will have to call the series *Challenge Gary*. But if the show is largely stage-managed, Rhodes's act is still joyously fresh. Not only does nobody talk and cook at the same time with such fluency, but Rhodes is such a likeable guy than even his generous helpings of self-praise are easily forgiven.

Modern Times: A Pleasant Land

BBC2, 9.00pm

Although Richard Alwyn's documentary progresses in a low-key style and sometimes struggles to fill the space, it offers an eloquent snapsnot of the effect of the BSE crisis on the British farming community. Alwyn takes his camera to Devon, where farmers gather gloomily in pubs and bemoan the end of the beef industry as they *have known it. Even the laconic and mild-*mannered Robin White becomes angrier. He must slaughter all his cattle more than 30 months old. But the abattoir is booked months ahead and appeals to the ministry get nowhere. White has to go on buying food for cows he cannot sell. At 61 he is too old to start again and cannot wait for his pension. Alwyn attends a church service where, with a nice touch of irony, one of the hymns is *Think of a World Without Animals.*

The Verdict: A Lack of Conviction

BBC2, 9.50pm

After the Child Support Agency, the Crown Prosecution Service is probably the official body that gets the worst press. Do not expect David Rose's report to leap to its defence. On the contrary. The programme portrays the CPS as an organisation in disarray, where *morale is low and resources are too thinly* spread to cope with a burgeoning workload. The result, Rose claims, is that mistakes are made, charges are inexplicably reduced or dropped and those cases which come to court too often end in acquittals. In a word, the CPS is not doing the job for which it was created ten years ago. While crime has been going up, the number of successful prosecutions is declining. Rose fleshes out his indictment by collecting the views of senior police officers, lawyers, victims of crime and CPS insiders. The CPS, of course, has a different story to tell.

The Fragile Heart

Channel 4, 10.00pm

The miseries pile up for Nigel Hawthorne's Edgar Pascoe, the heart surgeon tormented by professional doubts and family discord. *Perhaps the writer,* Paula Milne, gives one man too much to bear. You almost start to wish something would go right for him. But it makes for high-octane drama, gripping to the very last, and provides Hawthorne with a juicy part which puts tortured emotion into overdrive. It is a fine piece of acting, miles from the unctuous Sir Humphrey of *Yes, Prime Minister*. In quieter vein there have been telling contributions from Dearbla Molloy and Helen McCrory as Pascoe's stoic wife and scheming daughter. This final episode sees attempts by Pascoe to square his medical conscience and mend his fractured personal life. But Milne is too shrewd not to keep a surprise or two back. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (1609865)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1228117)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2037914)

10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (s) (97204)

10.30 THIS MORNING (24039020)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4812469)

12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (4988339)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (4956730) **1.25 CORONATION STREET** (r) (Teletext) (7852391) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (57004440) ***2.25 CROSS WITS*** (Teletext) (s) (57023575) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (s) (6834865)

3.20 NEWS (4939933)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4938204)

3.30 TOTS TV (3448594) **3.40 THE SINGING KETTLE NEWS** (7378556) **3.50 ZZZAP!** (8168391) **4.10 ANIMANIACS** (4906285) **4.15 FANTOMCAT** (5567001) **4.40 MATT'S MILLION** (4918020)

5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (s) (7223049)

5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (498933)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (945827)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (642240)

6.50 SPORTSWEEK (119575)

6.50 WHEEL OF FORTUNE Hosted by Nicky Campbell (Teletext) (s) (119575)

7.20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LIVE: ***Manchester United v Juventus*** Bob Wilson presents the crucial match from Old Trafford with commentary by Brian Moore (Teletext) (43033846)

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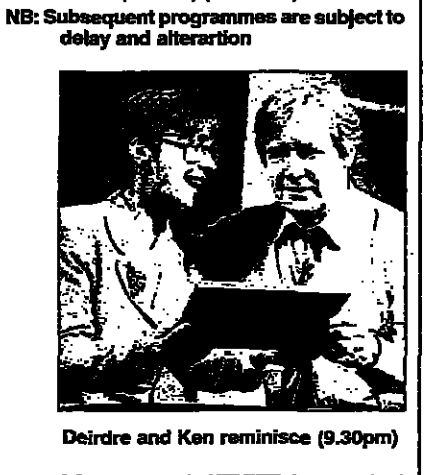


Deirdre and Ken reminisce (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Liz has bad news for Steve, and Ken and Deirdre get closer (Teletext) (19827)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (32109)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (254681)

10.40 CHILLER: The Man Who Didn't Believe in Ghosts Richard and Sophie Cramer move into Windwhistle House, a Victorian mansion in Yorkshire. After a sequence of incidents, Sophie becomes convinced the house is haunted. With Peter Egan and Mel Martin (246952)

11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS Jim Rosenthal introduces highlights of this evening's Uefa Champions League match between FC Porto and AC Milan. Plus reaction after Manchester United's game against Juventus and the result of Fenerbahce v Rapid Vienna (101865)

12.45am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (92315) **1.15 GOD'S GIFT** (123044) **2.15 CYBER.CAFE** (13808) **2.45 DEAR NICK** (2804044) **3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA** (r) (7870217) ***4.20*** **RECOLLECTIONS** (76139570) **4.30 THE TIME ... THE PLACE** (r) (96112) **5.00 DUTY FREE** (r) (71315) **5.30 NEWS**

As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4956730)

1.25 CROSS WITS (39512730)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24090117)

2.20 VANESSA (57015556)

2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (6834865)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7223049)

6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (642240)

6.50 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (119575)

12.45am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (92315)

2.15 DEAR NICK (2650860)

3.10 IN FOCUS (7815976)

4.05 LATE & LOUD (3009889)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 CORONATION STREET (4956730)

1.25-1.55 CROSS WITS (39512730)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (29766391)

2.25 VANESSA (57014827)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1272681)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7223049)

6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (325865)

6.50 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (119575)

12.40am ALFRED HITCHCOCK (6645179)

MERIDIAN

HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (4956730)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39512730)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24090117)

2.20 VANESSA (57015556)

2.50-3.20 PERFECTLY PETS (6834865)

5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7223049)

6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (597551)

6.20 PUT IT TO THE TEST (954575)

6.50 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (119575)

10.45-11.15 MERIDIAN FOCUS (115952)

11.15 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE (156469)

12.15am ALFRED HITCHCOCK (93044)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (4956730)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39512730)

1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (24090117)

2.20 VANESSA (57015556)

2.50-3.20 HOPE AND GLORIA (6834865)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7223049)

6.30 ANGLIA NEWS (632001)

6.50 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (119575)

10.40-11.40 THE VERDICT (246952)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (32865) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (89198) **9.30 YSGOLION** (871759) **12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE** (92662) **12.30pm LIFT OFF** (20933) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (35952) **1.30 Film: GUADALCANAL DIARY** (30655136) **3.15 THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW** (6838778) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (556) **4.30 ANTON MOSIMANN: NATURALLY** (440) **5.00 5 PUMP** (9407) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (420) **6.00 NEWYDDION** (844759) **6.05 HENO** (956933) **6.35 SION A SIAN** (105372) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (256865) **7.25 DILYN CWYS** (414778) **8.00 MOM: COPENHAGEN** (8391) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (4198) **9.00 WANTED** (7399) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (711681) **10.35 CUTTING EDGE: GREAT HOUSE WIVES** (245223) **11.35 CAROLINE IN THE CITY** (216681) **12.05am HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET** (3384082) **1.05 FOUR-MATIONS: ELECTRIC PASSIONS** (6623957) **1.35 MARCO POLO NOT!** (3342792)

6.30am TAKE FIVE (42074) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (32865) **9.00** Here's One I *Made EarLier* (89198) ***9.30*** *Schools*: Good Health **9.45** Book Box **10.00** Stage Two Science **10.15** Making Sense of Science **10.45** Co Sinn Is Carson? **11.07** Lost Animals **11.15** The Mix **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat **11.45** First Edition (871759) **12.00** House to House (s) (92662) **12.30pm** Lift Off (r) (s) (20933) **1.00** Sesame Street (25488) **2.00** Sandbox (64937759)

2.20 FILM: The Man I Love *(b/w, 1946) with* Ida Lupino as a singer who goes to work in a hoodlum's nightclub to save her sister from his unwelcome attentions. Directed by Raoul Walsh (436407)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (556)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (440)

5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (s) (5897204)

5.45 ANTON MOSIMANN — NATURALLY (Teletext) (s) (762020)

6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (Teletext) (s) (323407)

6.50 FRESH POP includes an interview with Kula Shaker (s) (440117)

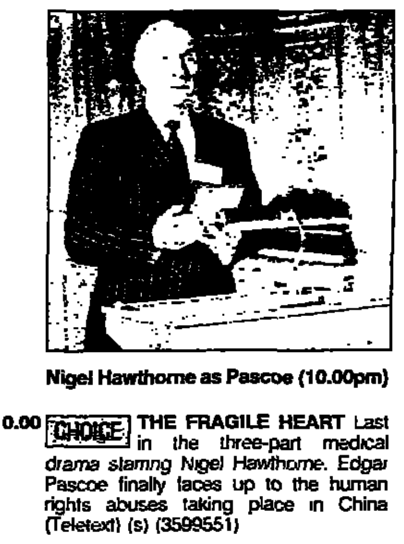
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (254223)

7.55 THE SLOT (571846)

8.00 BROOKSIDE How long can Ron and Jackie's relationship remain a secret? (Teletext) (s) (8391)

8.30 WANTED *Three pairs of fugitives play* hide-and-seek across mainland Britain (s) (36285)

9.30 THE LOVERS Geoffrey discovers a way out of the engagement. He applies for a transfer to Fleetwood which postpones the wedding for a year (r). (Teletext) (17469)



Nigel Hawthorne as Pascoe (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **THE FRAGILE HEART** Last in the three-part medical *drama starring* Nigel Hawthorne. Edgar Pascoe finally faces up to the human rights abuses taking place in China (Teletext) (s) (3599551)

11.20 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE? (r) (Teletext) (s) (904759)

12.00 WEEKLY PLANET A discussion on the future of Russia, presented by Jon Snow (s) (193686)

1.35am DISPATCHES (r) (Teletext) (s) (9052678)

2.20 A LOVE DIVIDED Tonight's couple whose relationship is divided by politics and culture come from Belfast (r) (2679995)

3.20 SPIRIT OF FREEDOM: Great Expectations In French with subtitles (r) (1216808)

4.20 FILM: 'Neath Arizona Skies (b/w, 1934) Western starring John Wayne as the guardian of a young Indian heiress whom he must protect against the unwelcome attentions of an evil gang leader. Directed by Harry L. Fraser (3017808)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3380862) **7.20** Press Your Luck (2377193) **7.40** Jeopardy! (5321001) **8.10** Hotel (6414339) **9.00** Another World (5224440) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5247876) **10.40** Real TV (7156407) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (4022488) **12.00** Geraldo (69846) **1.00pm** 1 to 3 (36117) **3.00** Jenny Jones (75933) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (54440) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1029) **6.00** The New Adventures of Superman (58730) **7.00** The Simpsons (9643) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5575) **8.00** Speed! (15049) **9.00** The Outer Limits (95285) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (98372) **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (72407) **12.00** Midnight Caller (13315) **1.00am** L.A.P.D. (98605) **1.30** Real TV (38711) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (77686)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (9457329) **8.00** Telstar (4733907) **9.00** A Death in California (1543484) **11.00** Late Show (2158827) **12.00 FILM: Heat** (8620044) **2.00am** Hit Mix (1142191)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Barnabo of the Mountains (1991) (73767472) **8.10 Back Home** (1990) (52263310) **10.00 Renaissance Man** (1994) (17317729) **12.10pm Smoky** (1966) (462104) **2.00 Two of a Kind** (1983) (12952) **4.00 The Ranger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky** (1995) (72204) **5.30 Renaissance Man** (1994) (99024) **7.30 El News Week in Review** (1743) **8.00 Midwest Obsession** (1995) (27347) **10.00 Barcelona** (1994) (312643) **11.45 Indecent Behaviour** (1993) (150486) **1.25am Some Kind of Miracle** (1979) (4852750) **2.55 Loot** (1970) (429551) **4.35 Two of a Kind** (1983)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am A-Haunting We Will Go (1942) (27575) **7.30 Ben-Hur** (1959) (2665) **8.30 The Greatest Great Adventure** (32204) **10.00 The Big Knife** (1955) (59469) **12.00 You Were Never Lovelier** (1942) (568285) **1.50pm Maverick** (1993) (82787049) **4.00 Thumbelina** (1944488) **5.10 Ben-Hur** (1959) (4091317) **8.00 The Next Karate Kid** (1994) (90730) **8.00 Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult** (1994) (23730) **9.30 Maverick** (1993) (28313827) **11.40 The Burning Season** (1995) (96662952) **1.45am A Dangerous Woman** (1994) (142745) **3.30 House of Secrets** (1994) (96711)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm From This Day Forward **(1946)** (8047952) **6.00 The Last American Hero** (1973) (**8.00 Back to the Future** (1985) (2399001) **10.00 Big Trouble in Little China** (1986) (7888594) **11.45 The Devil Rides Out** (1967) (3496010) **1.25am Shenandoah** (1965) (6763808) **3.10-4.45 Vivacious Lady** (1938) (1513150)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
6.00am Mouse Tracks (8652575) **6.25** Quack Attack (6584310) **6.50** Bonkers (6126223) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (9000391) **7.40** Aladdin (3825488) **8.05** Mighty Ducks (9155448) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (2707469) **8.40** Bonkers (2538117) **9.05** Mouse Tracks (6951372) **9.30** Big Garage (7355556) **9.45** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (299488) **10.15** Muppet Babies (6856372) **10.40** Adventures in Wonderland (2803662) **11.10** Quack Attack (7028643) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (9022391) **12.10pm** Fraggle Rock (6049223) **12.35** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (6890399) **1.05** Mouse Tracks (69257469) **1.30** Aladdin (61486730) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (61401049) **2.25** Walt Disney Presents (8466310) **3.20** Mouse Tracks (2338001) **3.50** Bonkers (1832372) **4.15** Goof Troop (7057407) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (7632575) **5.00** Aladdin (1337556) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9454001) **5.35** Bonkers (124845) **6.00** Mighty Ducks (9339) **6.30** Blossom (3391) **7.00** Home Improvement (3049) **7.30** Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (858759) **8.15** Second Noah (380310) **9.00** Blossom (67352) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (10925) **7.30** World Wrestling Federation: Blast Off (40440) **8.30** Racing News (26778) **9.00** Sports Centre (29837) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (64049) **10.00** NBA Basketball (34285) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (30594) **12.30pm** The Footballers' Football Show (49310) **1.30** Tennis: The Nationals (57339) **2.30** Sailing: Round Britain Challenge (7198) **3.00** The Footballers' Football Show (28049) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty (1778) **4.30** Rebel Sports (8402) **4.59** Sports Centre (7734489) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation: Challenge (4136) **6.00** Sports Centre (8827) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (2407) **7.00** Futbol Mundial (5865) **7.30** Rebel Sports (1391) **8.00** Cricket: Hong Kong Sixes (48391) **10.00** Sports Centre (21223) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (38353) **11.00** Grass Roots Rugby (41335) **11.30** Beach Volleyball (11681) **12.30am** Sports Centre (38063) **1.00** Cricket: Hong Kong Sixes (52315) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (21957)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Beach Volleyball (68871339) **1.30pm** Golf Extra (46971730) **3.00** World Cup of Golf Qualifier (50072204) **4.00** Asian Golf Show (50091339) **5.00** Max Out (36009198) **5.30** Sailing: Round Britain Challenge (10512223) **6.00** Beach Volleyball (25983136) **7.00** Sports Centre (36012662) **7.30** Golf Extra (82672204) **9.30** World Cup *of Golf Qualifier* (77986812) **10.30** American Cavalcade (40143204) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (99530914)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Triathlon (75136) **8.30** Motorcycling (28556) **10.30** Football (498575) **1.00pm** Live Tennis (7539489) **5.00** Alpine Skiing (9204) **6.00** Live Tennis (38914) **8.00** Figure Skating (40759) **10.00** Fitness (52594) **11.00** Tennis (10981) **12.00-12.30** Equestrianism (70537)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (8502730) **6.30** Tickle on the Tum (65132223) **6.45** 1-2-3 Go! (77612952) **7.00** Allsorts (2364643) **7.15** Tickle on the Tum (6415846) **7.30** Graham's Ark (2538092) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1358488) **8.30** Runway (1355759) **9.00** Families (1379339) **9.30** Crown Court (5477020) **10.00** Park High (7221933) **10.30** The Brothers McGregor (1368223) **11.00** All for Love (6225152) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1359575) **12.30pm** *Trouble in Mind* (5498136) **1.00** Crown Court (2433448) **1.30** Families (5487407) **2.00** Within These Walls (7222662) **3.00** The Brothers McGregor (7320407) **3.30** Park High (7801914) **4.00** Jeeves and Wooster (1637469) **5.00** All for Love (7311759) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (7807198) **6.30** Families (7821778) **7.00**

Taylor Nichols, Chris Eigeman in *Barcelona* (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

The Doctor Series (7312488) **7.30** Trouble in Mind (7810662) **8.00** El CID (6859643) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (5232852) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (1220643) **10.00-11.00** Jeeves and Wooster (6872594)
From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. *Includes consumer news and features and* Your Stars presented by Russell Grant
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Hercules (2225556) **5.00** Modern Marvels (2082488) **6.00** Our Century: 1918-1926 (1500469) **7.00-8.00** Biography: The Kennedys Week (4796643)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **9pm-4am** Monday to Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable.
8.00pm Amazing Stories (2082865) **8.30** The Twilight Zone (2071372) **9.00 FILM: When Worlds Collide** (75097827) **10.45** The Making of the Rides (9524575) **11.00** Friday the 13th (6017117) **12.00** The Incredible Hulk (8497518) **1.00am** The Twilight Zone (8704624) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (2789976) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (5782112) **2.30** Night Gallery (5701247) **3.00** Friday the 13th (3607044) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (34815402)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (1818681) **9.30** The Great Gardening Plot (1953317) **10.00** Go Fishing (2264730) **10.30** House Style (1814865) **11.00** The Restoration Game (8963730) **11.30** Craftwise (8971759) **12.00** Julia Child (1805117) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (7353353) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (9232876) **1.30** Home Again, with Bob Vila (8703894) **2.00** Furniture to Go (2836469) **2.30** Secret Gardens (8109198) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (2848204) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (8104643)
DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.
4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (8123778) **4.30** Driving Passions (8112683) **5.00** Time Travelers (2850049) **5.30** Jurassica 2 (9103914) **6.00** Wild Things (2408402) **7.00** Next Step (2630285) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (8113391) **8.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (2849933) **8.30** Unexplained: Ghosthunters 2 (2828440) **9.00** Unexplained: UFO Down to Earth (5179440) **10.00** The Specialists (5189827) **11.00** Supership (2557943) **12.00** The Professionals (1155537) **1.00am** High Five (1207421) **1.30-2.00** Ambulance! (2675860)

UK GOLD

7.00am Going for Gold (2411759) **7.35** Crossroads (4498914) **8.00** Neighbours (2895681) **8.25** EastEnders (2073846) **9.00** *The Bill* (1827339) **9.30** Big Deal (7011204) **10.30** The Sullivans (1816223) **11.00** Juliet Bravo (1002858) **12.00** Crossroads (35858117) **12.25pm** Neighbours (35859204) **12.55** EastEnders (3621575) **1.30** Rosie (6675681) **2.10** A Little Bit of Dawson (34519407) **2.25** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (5779865) **3.00** Sale of the Century (2840662) **3.30** The Bill (8106001) **4.00** One by One (8956440) **5.00** EastEnders (1649662) **5.35** Crossroads (3140575) **6.00** George and Mildred (8102285) **6.30** Till Death Us Do Part (5218730) **7.05** Bob's Full House (5902117) **7.45** Every Second Counts (7464876) **8.25** On the Up (8887198) **9.00** Taggart (87367575) **10.05** The Bill (6700488) **10.40** The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin (8392407) **11.20** The Best of Top of the Pops (2482933) **11.55 FILM: Breathing Lessons** (8773858) **1.35am** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (6641469) **6.20** Meltdown: Cybernet (6645285) **6.45** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (763488) **7.15** Ready or Not (753001) **7.45** California Dreams (752372) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (207407) **8.45** Art Attack (7886049) **9.00** Tiny TCC (Until 3.00pm). Tiny and Crew (8833049) **9.20** Brum (8813285) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (5163556) **10.00** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (8980339) **10.20** Philbert the Frog (3598136) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (7097198) **11.00** Dinobabies (50662) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (51391) **12.00** Barney (57662) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (85933) **1.00** Casper and Friends (74914) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (61493204) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (13334136) **2.20** Bump (10254488) **2.40** Mr Benn (9239372) **3.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (4914) **3.30** Ready or Not (6001) **4.00** California Dreams (5136) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (4020)

NICKELODEON

6.00am *Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles* (12136) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (68730) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (7368440) **7.15** Hey Arnold (4767488) **7.30** Rugrats (19952) **8.00** Doug (25049) **8.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (17020) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (89812) **9.30** Wishbone (45391) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5133020) **10.10** Katie and Orbie (5413778) **10.35** Mr Men (9881469) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (9894933) **11.00** BBC Block (95372) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (28136) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (56407) **1.00** *Babar* (60448) **1.30** *Katie and Orbie* (56778) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (2391) **2.30** BBC Block (36575) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (3335) **4.00** Hey Arnold (2020) **4.30** Rugrats (1031952) **4.45** Doug (1036407) **5.00** Sister Sister (3643) **5.30** Moesha (9556) **6.00** Round the Twist (6469) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3579)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (3407) **7.30** Benson (9933) **8.00** Due South (42117) **9.00** Almost Perfect (27310) **9.30** Taxi (36643) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (29865) **10.30** Flying Blind (38335) **11.00** Paramount Presents (41317) **11.30** Nightstand (19223) **12.30am** Sledge Hammer! (36605) **1.00** Due South (48711) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (76082) **2.30** Paramount Presents (62889) **3.00** Flying Blind (29599) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (46841)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (4208484) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (8903082) **2.00** Return of the Saint (2262285) **3.00** The Champions (8962001) **4.00 FILM: Orca the Killer Whale** (2846846) **6.00** Joe 90 (3120851) **6.30** Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (8111933) **7.00** The Water Margin (5100310) **8.00** Starsky and Hutch (5196730) **9.00** Crime Story (5106594) **10.00-12.00 FILM: The Opposite Sex** (8961372)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kirby (4061458) **7.00** The Agony Experience (4367965) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (5878117) **8.20** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (5225662) **8.55** Turnabout (7492049) **9.35** Call the Doctor (1094010) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (3189440) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (7986339) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (6767339) **11.55** Brookside (54231056) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (93858594) **12.50** Gabrielle (3799317) **1.40** Rolonda (6360643) **2.30** *The Agony Experience* (4957846) **3.00** Live at Three (9894985) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (4948198) **4.30** Talkabout (9284778) **5.05** Lingo (92115759) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (4951662) **6.00** Bewitched (4958575) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6138391) **7.05** Brookside (4834575) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (2914914) **8.00** General Practice (2393827) **9.00 FILM: Love and Curses** (2396914) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous (4343285)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (6759) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (30914) **6.30** Catchphrase (6365) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (9223) **7.30** Hart to Hart (85049) **8.30** Duty Free (4778) **9.00** Bergerac (75469) **10.00** Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Kissing the Gunner's Daughter (78556) **11.00** Rising Damp (42643) **11.30** Evening Shade (56020) **12.00** Moonlighting (93599) **1.00am** Bergerac (69599) **2.00** Hart to Hart (38421) **3.00** Moonlighting (42711) **4.00** All Together Now (95650) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (22093)

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

VH-1

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Life Style East **8.30** *Positive Health Show* **9.00** Bengali Serial Ebar Tumbo Mama **9.30** Ashirwad **10.00** Tara **11.00** Women's Magazine Programme: Manasi **11.30** Daraar **12.00** Dance Mania **12.30pm** Intezaar **1.00** Urdu Movie **4.00** Public Demand **5.00** ZEE Zone **5.30** Film Chakkar **6.00** Campus **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Hit The Hit Hit **7.30** Bandgi Aom Baal **8.00** News and Eurenews **8.30** Darsan **9.05-12.00 Hindi FILM: Insaaf Ki Awaaz**

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm The Year of Living Dangerously (1982) (86452469) **11.15 The Beast, with Five Fingers** (1946) (35912310) **12.50am The Teahouse of the August Moon** (1956) (67531529) **2.55-5.00 Postman's Knock** (1961) (73577399)

RACING 47

Ruling body acts to protect appeal of Grand National

SPORT

TENNIS 50

Power play serves Krajicek well in world championship

Venables opts to play Australian rules

Venables: globe-trotting

By Russell Kempson

TERRY VENABLES sat in Scribes West International, his drinking club in Kensington, and announced the next stage of his colourful career. Venables — writer, raconteur, bon viveur and manager-at-large — was to take charge of the Australia national football team. "El Tel" becomes "Socceroo".

Venables, 53, is many things to many people: a vibrant mix of the good, the bad and, occasionally, the ugly. He was at his best yesterday, in a familiar environment surrounded by familiar faces, and lapped up the attention.

"I opened the curtains this morning and looked out at the weather," he said. "That's when I realised what a good decision I'd made." A good decision that includes a 19-month contract, a reported £200,000-a-year salary and unlimited travel, monitoring the Australia-born players scattered across the globe.

Venables, the former England coach, will attempt to lead Australia to the finals of the 1998 World Cup in France. If he does, seeing off the might of Tahiti, then Tonga or the Solomon Islands, and then probably New Zealand along the way, he will receive a not insignificant bonus for his efforts.

"I have two targets," he said. "The first is that we've got to get to the finals. The second is that if we do, then we have to go as far as we possibly can. It's a big challenge but a big reward if we make it. I've got to do what I feel is right. I don't run my life by what other people think, I do what I want to do.

"Australia have a much better group of players than most people think they have. That part of the world is catching up fast and I'm sure people will be surprised. What interested me most was being involved in international football again. I had 2½ years with England and I really enjoyed it."

Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco will be Venables's assistant coaches when he acquaints himself with Australian football, and its 14-strong national league, on his first trip down under in January. First up is the hosting of a four-team tournament, also involving Norway, New Zealand and South Korea, with the World Cup qualifying matches not starting until June.

Few Venables gatherings are without a twist and yesterday was no exception. He also revealed that he is to become the chairman of Portsmouth, the Nationwide League first division club where he has been director of football since the start of the season.

"It was a possibility before all this but it won't take away from what I'm doing with Australia because, from the beginning of the season, I've only been at Portsmouth to give direction," he said. "It's been working quite well. I'll still help him [Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager] as much as I can, but getting to the training ground has been difficult.

"Anyway, how many chairmen go to the club every day? I haven't been to every game so far, but there's a good shape to the club and I'm there to help as much as I can from my experience."

Venables then departed through the assembled media. Rarely can a football press conference in England have been sprinkled with so many twangy Aussie accents, yet, surprisingly, nobody offered a greeting of "G'day, Tel." He stopped only to pose for the photographers, obligatory boomerang in hand.

It left the stage clear for David Hill, the ebullient chairman of Soccer Australia, the sport's national governing body, to hype the occasion further. Hill, 50, who was born in Eastbourne, brushed off the negative reaction from disaffected coaches and former players back home. He also stressed that Soccer Australia's financial worries were over. "We took a bit of a buffeting but we've stabilised now," he said. "Terry is a big investment by our standards, but the 1998 World Cup is very important to us. We wanted the best coach we could get and we've got him. I spoke to a lot of our players and every one of them was excited, as is Australia.

"Aussie coaches are good enough to do the job, of course they are, but once we knew Terry was interested, we had to talk to him. When we knew we had finally got him, it was fair dinkum."

William Hill, the bookmaker, was not convinced. "Venables should be capable of getting the Aussies into the final stages but he'd need to be able to make a silk purse out of a kangaroo's pouch to win it," a spokesman said.

Venue for Estonia replay rejected

Scotland to argue in support of travel-weary fans

By Kevin McCarra

ESTONIA'S ill-fated game with Scotland continues to be a fertile source of controversy. A replay of the group four World Cup qualifying match that failed to take place in Tallinn last month has been ordered by Fifa, football's world governing body, but the venue for it is about to provoke fresh dispute.

Estonia are expected to propose that the game should go ahead in Cyprus, where they have a winter training camp, on February 11. Yesterday, however, the Scottish Football Association (SFA) decided that it will resist any such suggestion. It argues that it is unreasonable to force Scotland supporters, who have already travelled to Tallinn, now to make the 5½-hour journey to Cyprus.

It may also claim that the stadiums in Cyprus do not conform to Fifa criteria. The SFA's emergence in the role of dissident was not the only deviation from standard practice yesterday. Desertion on the eve of battle is the kind of offence that normally invites a court martial, but it is a sense of duty that caused Walter Smith to miss Rangers' preparations for the European Cup Champions' League tie with Grasshopper Club of Zurich.

He was out of town because his team are already out of Europe and the manager's obligations lie with the club's long-term future. Smith has been in Santiago meeting a possible signing, the young Chilean forward, Sebastian Rozenthal, of Universidad Catolica. He will be back in the dugout this evening, but he may view the action at Ibrox with interest rather than passion.

After defeats in all four group matches to date, Rangers cannot reach the quarter-finals. The wretchedness had its origins in the opening game, a 3-0 defeat by Grasshopper in Zurich. Rangers also had to endure some scathing remarks that night. Kubilay Türkyilmaz, scorer of two of the goals, claimed that the Scots had come to Switzerland like holidaymakers.

Christian Gross, the Grasshopper coach, now insists that he himself made no criticism, but the Rangers squad, as they try to manufacture relevance for the fixture, will tap their own sense of resentment. "They showed us a lack of respect," Ally McCoist, the forward, said, "but players don't mope around over that kind of thing. They get even."

Revenge always has its charm, but, when incentives are considered, it must be admitted that victory would provide Grasshopper with a far more enticing prize. Should they defeat Rangers, the club will be assured a place in the last eight. Grasshopper have never appeared in so advanced a round of the European Cup.

Should Auxerre lose to Ajax in Holland, Grasshopper will qualify for the quarter-finals regardless of the result at Ibrox. Rangers, as bemused as they are disappointed by results in the group, can only hope for proof of their own worth. McCoist, omitted from the starting line-up last week, has at least found cause for renewed faith in his value to the club.

Without him, Rangers suffered from ludicrously wasteful finishing in the 1-0 victory against Celtic last week. "After watching those misses," McCoist said cheekily, "I am feeling superb."

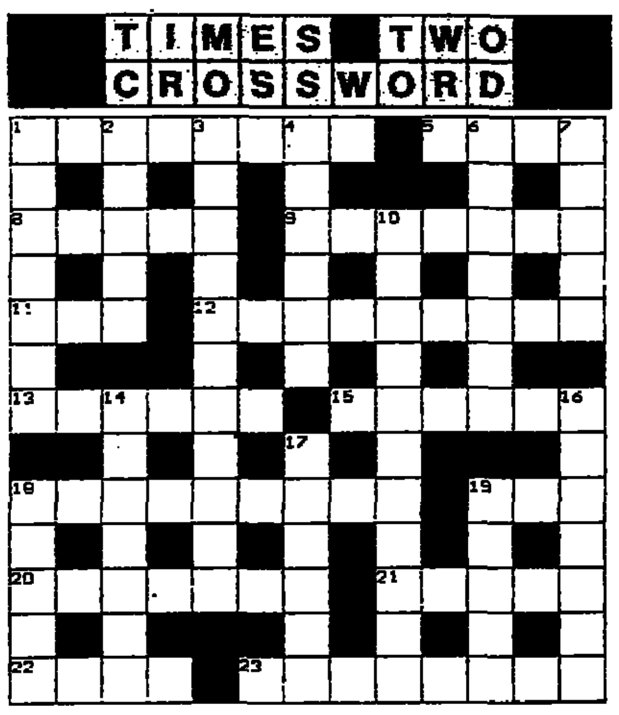
Midweek View 48
Greatest goal 49

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GC Zurich	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
Ajax	4	3	0	1	6	2	9
Auxerre	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Rangers	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

RESULTS: Auxerre 0 Ajax 1. Grasshopper Zurich 3 Rangers 0. Rangers 1 Auxerre 2. Ajax 0 Grasshopper Zurich 1. Ajax 4 Rangers 1. Auxerre 1 Grasshopper Zurich 0. Grasshopper Zurich 3 Auxerre 1. Rangers 0 Ajax 1.

MATCHES TO COME. Today: Rangers v Grasshopper Zurich; Ajax v Auxerre. Dec 4: Grasshopper Zurich v Ajax; Auxerre v Rangers.



No 944

ACROSS
- 1 Customary (8)
- 5 Floppy (4)
- 8 Tendon (5)
- 9 Trembles; short notes (*mus.*) (7)
- 11 Prov. wise bird (3)
- 12 Nautically neat (9)
- 13 Baby cat (6)
- 15 *Put money (into)* (6)
- 18 Misleading (9)
- 19 *Great Expectations* hero (3)
- 20 Obvious (7)
- 21 Eskimo house (5)
- 22 Legislative assembly; eat less (4)
- 23 Sound of tapped sticks (8)

DOWN
- 1 Church kneeler (7)
- 2 Trite (5)
- 3 Municipal inhabitants (11)
- 4 Find not guilty (6)
- 6 Go over again (7)
- 7 Sheriff's band (5)
- 10 Failure to show for work (11)
- 14 *Relating to touch* (7)
- 16 Outer covering (clothes, paint) (7)
- 17 Pioneer of antiseptic surgery (6)
- 18 Terror (5)
- 19 Beat: lentil seed (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 943

ACROSS: 5 Organ-grinder 8 Uppers 9 Evolve 10 Inky 12 Tarnish 14 Havered 15 Beer 17 Listen 18 Abrupt 20 Interminable

DOWN: 1 Complication 2 Ague 3 Freeman 4 Announce 6 Nosy 7 Eavesdropper 11 Kreutzer 13 Pen-name 16 Pawn 19 Ruby

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 939
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ACROSS: 1 Viol 3 Acrostic 8 Seer 9 Wardrobe 11 Vernacular 14 Unfair 15 Assist 17 By-election 20 Isolated 21 Para 22 Desolate 23 Send

DOWN: 1 Vesuvius 2 Overruff 4 Claque 5 Old Pals' Act 6 Took 7 Clef 10 Cavity wall 12 Mitigate 13 Standard 16 Client 18 Mild 19 Boss

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MARC ASPLAND

Cambridge University players keep their eyes on the ball after a ruck in their match with the Western Samoans yesterday. Report, page 50

Atlanta drugs tests queried

By John Goodbody

FOUR Olympic competitors could face bans of up to four years if new drug tests are ordered by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Dr Patrick Schamash, the IOC medical director, yesterday confirmed that four competitors had returned "adverse findings" for anabolic steroids during the Games in Atlanta and said a decision would be made next month whether to retest the urine specimens.

The IOC has declined to identify which sports or competitors are involved, although they are likely to be medal-winners. At the Games, the three medal-winners and one other competitor in each event, selected at random, are automatically tested.

Dr Schamash said: "These results came from the high resolution mass spectrometer and there is, therefore, a question about the reliability of the findings. We do not consider them as positive. We have to be 100 per cent certain."

The tests were carried out by Dr Don Catlin, of the University of California, Los Angeles, one of the most respected figures in international doping analysis. He used the high resolution mass spectrometer, the most sophisticated instrument in the world, for the first time at the Games. This is far more sensitive than the standard mass spectrometer, which is used in most laboratories accredited by the IOC.

If new tests are ordered by the IOC medical commission, they will be carried out on an orthodox mass spectrometer which was also used in Atlanta. At the Games, Iva Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, who came fourth in the women's triple jump, and Natalya Shekodanova, the Russian 100-metre hurdler, failed tests using this equipment. Both took anabolic steroids.

The IOC is worried that if a competitor is found to have given a positive sample on the results from the high resolution equipment, this could be challenged legally.

However, it is curious that the testing laboratory in Atlanta, based at the Morehouse College Medical School, did not automatically retest the four specimens which gave "adverse findings", on its standard equipment before reporting the findings.

On the day after the 1984 Games, Prince Alexandre de Merode, the president of the IOC Medical Commission, found details of nine positive drug tests had inadvertently been shredded in his hotel room in Los Angeles. The names of the nine competitors were never released.

Webber struggling to rise to Challenge

Edward Gorman charts the troubled waters coursing through Rio

The run of bad luck that seems to be afflicting *Courtaulds International* continued yesterday when the yacht's skipper, Boris Webber, was taken ill just 36 hours before the start of the second leg of the BT Global Challenge today, from Rio de Janeiro to Wellington.

Webber, a South African, has gone down with a stomach bug and was in bed yesterday. He has been seen by a doctor and was being looked after by his wife, Trish. A spokeswoman for the race said Webber still hoped to be well enough to make the start this afternoon.

Webber has found it difficult to come to terms with ocean racing alongside a crew not performing, naturally enough, at anything like expert level. They endured the worst first leg of the fleet, eventually finishing thirteenth, just ahead of the disabled crew on *Time & Tide* and nearly 90 hours behind the leader, *Group 4*.

Among his problems were two blown spinnakers and a broken pole. A new pole was sent for from Britain and one of the spinnakers was sent back for repair. So far neither has arrived in Rio. If they are not available for the start, Chay Blyth, the race director, may have to ask all the other boats to surrender a pole and a spinnaker to keep the playing field level.

Meanwhile, the crews on *Commercial Union*, *Motorola* and *Toshiba Wave Warrior* have each had to do some emergency shopping in Rio to make up their stores for the Southern Ocean, after deliveries of specially-prepared freeze-dried food failed to arrive in Brazil as expected.

In the Vendée Globe single-handed, non-stop, round-the-world race, Pete Goss, of Britain, on board *Aqua Quorum*, is in the Doldrum belt and hoping for the same windy conditions that swept the nine boats ahead of him through without any delay. "The next two days will be critical," he said yesterday, as he was making around ten knots under both headsails. "Those up front seem to have sailed through unchecked, let's hope we have the same."

The race leader remains Yves Parlier, on *Aquitaine Innovations*, who is about 80 miles ahead of Isabelle Autissier, on *PRB*, who followed him across the equator early yesterday. Parlier, whose freshwater tanks leaked shortly after the start, is now running low, having had little rain to replenish them. "I have only got 28 litres left," he said. "I will have to ration myself now. It's so sad because everything is going well so far."

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